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INCREASING BREAK-UP OF NANKING ARMIES

Neutral Quarters Report Isolation Of Hsuechow CONFLICTING WAR CLAIMS

Nanking, November 15.

Communist armies continued to flow Southward toward the Yangtze River as reports from the Hsuechow war area reflected an increasing break-up among National forces guarding the outer approaches to China's capital.

Hsuechow is isolated, according to neutral reports, which are in sharp conflict with Government claims that their troops recovered the initiative East of Hsuechow.

Several Red columns have moved around Suhsien 135 miles North West of Nanking.

The report, which was not confirmed, said Suhsien is already in Red hands. There is no reliable information on the situation in Hsuechow itself, where 24 hours ago fighting was visible within four miles of the airfield.

The Government's military spokesman said he had no indication of change in the situation.

Chinese reports reaching Nanking said that Liu Po-cheng's columns which reached the East China front from their old stamping ground along the Peking-Hankow railroad, went into action by cutting the Tientsin-Pukow railroad 50 miles South of Hsuechow.

Men and munitions continued to move Northward from Nanking and Pukow, reflecting the Government's continued determination to fight the Reds.

Units Cut Off

It indicated, however that effective Communist raids against the railroad, which normally links Pukow with Hsuechow, destroyed communications leaving many army units stranded half way to their destinations.

One report said that three Government divisions landed at Liangyung, Eastern terminus of the Luanhai railroad, and started a diversionary move Westward in an effort to relieve some pressure against Hsuechow.

Other troops evacuated from Hsuechow after the Manchurian disaster are moving into position between Nanking and Chen Yi's Red forces.

Chinese Communists last night closed in to within three miles of Hsuechow's airfield, the last supply link to the embattled central China bastion, an American air-line pilot reported.

Eye-Witness Story

The first unbiassed eye-witness report on the crucial battle 180 miles North West of Nanking was given by Charles Hayes, a pilot for Chennault's CAT.

Hayes returned to Shanghai this morning with a plane-load of Catholic missionaries from Hsuechow.

"We saw a lot of fires near the hills just East of Hsuechow," Hayes told the Associated Press. "There was considerable activity five to

eight miles from the field and fighting was as close as three to five miles South East of the field." Hayes said the fires were evidently the result of bombing by the Chinese Air Force "which looked pretty active down there." Hayes reported the air force was dropping 100 pound bombs and doing a lot of strafing with P-45's.

Another Version

A Central News despatch from Nanking said VII Corps troops were "fighting their way" out of the Communist pincer movement in coordination with the relief drive Eastward from Hsuechow.

These reports were more reserved than all Chinese press accounts in Shanghai which claimed the tide had turned in favour of the Nationalists.

Nationalist China claimed major successes today in the Hsuechow battle.

The Government's Central News Agency said Nationalist reinforcements "smashed" three Communist columns to link up with the hard-pressed troops of General Huang Po-tao 35 miles East of Hsuechow and help turn the tide in the second round of the Battle of Paili.

Eight Communist regiments were "annihilated" and many strategic points recaptured by the reinforced Nationalist forces, the agency said.

400,000 Engaged

Spurred by mechanized forces, the reinforcements drove forward to join hands with the embattled Seventh Army Corps under General Huang. Three Red columns which were endangering the 7th rear were smashed at Tamao, 10 miles East of Hsuechow, the agency said.

Some 400,000 troops on both sides were reported to be involved in the battle.

The Ministry of National Defense reported that three Red columns attempting to cross the Nanking-Hsuechow railway to join the Red forces in Paili had been intercepted in the Chikow-Suehwen area and fighting was under way.

The Government yesterday buried reinforcements into the gigantic struggle which may determine the fate of China when Communist troops were reported 10 miles from the Hsuechow airfield. The Chinese air force also accelerated its attack, the Associated Press and United Press.

QUIRINO CALL FOR PI UNITY

Manila, November 15.

President Elpidio Quirino called on Filipinos tonight to achieve national solidarity to make sure of the continued existence of the two-year-old Republic.

No country, Quirino said, can any longer depend exclusively on its own armed forces to defend itself.

Quirino went on to justify American economic investment in the island, saying "if we cannot sufficiently develop our country for lack of capital and technicians we would be wanting in honesty not to invite financial assistance from friends of our choice, principally the United States." Associated Press.

China To Expose Soviet Actions?

Nanking, November 15.

The Chinese Government may shortly issue a statement denouncing Russia for violations of the Sino-Soviet treaty of amity and alliance of 1945.

It is likely the Government may also take the matter before the Security Council of the United Nations.

This question was considered at a conference of high-ranking members of the Government at President Chiang Kai-shek's residence during the week-end.

The statement, when issued, would contain details of alleged violations of the treaty. These would include complaints that the

Prince Called "A Splendid Baby"

London, November 15.

The weight of Princess Elizabeth's baby at birth was announced today as seven lbs. six ozs. It is understood to be a healthy child.

Princess Elizabeth will today see her baby which was described by a Court official as "a lovely boy, a really splendid baby."

An official bulletin from Buckingham Palace this morning said that the condition of Princess Elizabeth and her baby is satisfactory.

The bulletin was issued after Sir William Gilliat and Sir John Weir, two of the doctors who attended the Princess, had seen her this morning.

The bulletin was signed by the doctors and said: "Her Royal Highness, the Princess Elizabeth, has had some sleep during the night. Her condition and that of the infant prince is satisfactory."—Reuter.

10,000 Evacuees Expected In HK From China Ports

Hong Kong will experience an influx of more than 10,000 evacuees from Shanghai and other parts of Central China this week, according to local travel agencies.

The agencies said that advice from their agents at Shanghai said bookings by ship and air for Hong Kong and Canton

"are extremely heavy." The majority of the evacuees are fleeing Shanghai for Hong Kong and Canton, it was added.

A vernacular press report said yesterday that air bookings at Shanghai are so heavy that based on the present schedules of planes between Shanghai and Hong Kong it will take up to next March to clear the reservations.

The report added that all shipping firms with vessels plying between Hong Kong and Shanghai are being flooded with reservations. Accommodation on all vessels leaving Shanghai for Hong Kong are fully taken up.

Ships arriving here from Shanghai this week include the ss. Changchung on November 17, the ss. Noreverett on November 18,

Paravane Found In Harbour

An object lying imbedded on the sands near the Chung King Swimming Pool, Victoria Road, yesterday was found to be a paravane by Captain C. Darnell (RAOC) on investigation.

The device, used by ships to out moorings of submerged mines, was, corroded and rusty. The Navy reported it was unusable.

A member of the swimming pool reported to the Western Police Station at 8 a.m. yesterday that he noticed something peculiar on the sands nearby.

On police inspection, it was suspected to be an aerial bomb, and the Army was informed.

Captain Darnell turned it over to the Navy, which despatched a Commissioned Gunner, Falls-Gallagher, of H.M.S. Tamar to collect it. The paravane was taken to the naval stores by truck.

Urgent Meeting In Nanking

Nanking, November 15.

The diplomatic corps here has been summoned on 24 hours' notice to an urgent meeting by the French Ambassador, M. Jacques Meyrier.

The meeting was considered significant especially as several Embassy staff members had not heard of the summons which was directed only to heads of missions.

There are 23 full-time diplomatic missions in Nanking and also Chinese Legation personnel in Shanghai—four embassies and four legations.

The French Embassy spokesman said the only two subjects on the agenda are problems of obtaining food and coal for Embassy and Legation personnel in Nanking in the event of serious shortages developing later this winter.

However, informed quarters told the United Press the diplomatic mission heads will also tentatively discuss possible evacuation of Nanking should the Chinese Government decide to move the capital in face of the Red military onslaught.

Some Ambassadors and Ministers are out of town at present and will, presumably, be represented by their charges d'affaires.—United Press.

NEW TYPHOON IN THE PACIFIC

Tokyo, November 15.

A new Pacific typhoon, named Agnes by the United States Air Force Weather Observatory, moved between Guam and Salina in the Marianas on Sunday afternoon and crossed the sea in a course which could bring the storm to Okinawa.

United States weathermen here said that Agnes, with winds of 50 miles an hour at the center, would be centered 350 miles South of Iwojima on Monday morning.—United Press.

WORLD ENTHUSIASM OVER ROYAL BIRTH

Reuter messages received last night revealed that people all over the Commonwealth—in large cities and tiny settlements—were today joining the Mother Country in celebrating the birth of the new Prince.

In the United States and many other countries the news of the birth was greeted with as much enthusiasm as in the Commonwealth.

Among those mentioned as possible God-parents for the baby are President Truman and King Frederick of Denmark.

The following reaction reports were received last night:

Washington: Flags will be flown from all Commonwealth embassies, missions and consulates throughout the United States today. Sir Oliver Franks, the British Ambassador, has invited Commonwealth Ambassadors and distinguished Americans, including Mr. Robert Lovett, Acting Secretary of State, to toast the newborn heir.

Ottawa: The news was greeted joyfully throughout Canada, where broadcasts were interrupted by "flash" announcements, followed by the playing of patriotic music. Cables of congratulation were sent to the Princess from Field Marshal Lord Alexander, Governor-General, and Mr. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister.

In churches throughout Canada prayers were said for the new Prince and his mother. In Ottawa, the great bells of the Carillon in the Peace Tower of Parliament Buildings rang for an hour.

Bells Ring Out

Sydney: The announcement was heard in Australia by people in cities and on lonely farms over radio networks which interrupted their programmes.

Bells rang out and flags were hoisted over public buildings. Wellington, N. Z.: The Army and warships fired Royal Salutes when the news was received.

Flags appeared on public buildings everywhere as the Dominion received the news with great delight.—United Press.

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Indirect Hint Of Drop In Yuan

Shanghai, November 15.
The local Chinese authorities indirectly admitted today that the Gold Yuan had depreciated 810 per cent in value in Shanghai since its introduction three months ago.

They set the cost of living index for the November 1 to 15 period at 8.1 times that of August 15.

The first index to be issued since the appearance of the Gold Yuan as the basis for the payment of salaries and wages, it came as a severe blow to already financially hard-pressed employees, and it is feared may prove the final straw in the case of many enterprises which have been virtually paralysed in recent months by the Government's many complicated trading restrictions.

Prices of 54 commodities used by workers and white-collar employees were taken into consideration in the compilation of the index, which will henceforth be issued fortnightly for the determination of wages.

Bullitt Arrives

China's rapidly worsening economic situation may form part of the study to be undertaken by Mr. William Bullitt, who arrived here this morning from San Francisco for a six-week inspection tour of the administration of American aid on behalf of the Joint Congressional Committee on Foreign Economic Co-operation.

Mr. Bullitt told newspapermen at the airport that he would make no statement until he returned to the United States to report to the Committee.

He was followed into the city today by some 200 foreign residents of Nanking fleeing from the approaching civil war. The group, which included 52 women and 64 children, travelled from the capital aboard a United States naval vessel.—Reuter.

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Naive Burglar In The Bag

Oakka, November 15.

A 30-year-old burglar entered a Japanese home, but brought along a big bag—too big to carry away full, so he told the scared occupants of the house that he would return the following night to get the rest of his haul.

The burglar, who gave his name as Yoshikawa, came back the next night, only to get handcuffed by hiding detectives.—United Press.

HK MAN'S DEATH IN PLANE

The death of Mr. Badan Singh Gill, 61-year-old Government pensioner, took place suddenly on board a CNAC plane about 12.45 p.m. yesterday.

Mr. Gill, who had been suffering from heart trouble for more than a year, was booked for Calcutta, accompanied by his son, Karminder, who returned to the Colony about six weeks ago to take his father to Calcutta for medical attention.

As the plane, which was delayed for about five hours by weather, was about to take off, Karminder noticed his father putting his hand to his heart. The old man was seen to heave a couple of sighs and then to go limp.

When the plane was about 30 miles from Kung Kung, Karminder called for the Captain and attendants and artificial respiration was applied, but without avail.

The plane turned back to Kai Tak, and was met on arrival by the police who conveyed the dead body to the Kowloon City Police Station and then to the Public Mortuary.

Mr. Gill first arrived in the Colony in 1905 and joined the Hong Kong Police Force, rising to the rank of Sub-Inspector nine years later. In 1914, he left the police and joined the Royal Observatory, remaining there for 10 years before transferring to the Public Works Department, accounts office.

During the war, Mr. Gill went back to India where he served with the Indian Government as Deputy Controller of Accounts. He returned to the Colony in 1946, and was put on the retired list.

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The Weather

At 0600 hours GMT (9 p.m. H.K.S.T.) the typhoon was centred about 200 miles W. of Guam moving W. or W.N.W. at 18 knots. The Siberian anti-cyclone continues to dominate the remainder of the area.

Today's Forecast—Fresh or strong gusty N. winds moderating temporarily during the afternoon. Fair or fine.

Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum 79.1 deg. F. 48.4 deg. F. 50.2 deg. F.
Minimum 59.7 deg. F. 48.4 deg. F. 50.2 deg. F.

Sea—
Hull: 10.0 m. Total since Jan. 1—2412.5 m. 10.0 m. to 10.0 m. in average of 2022.5 m. 10.0 m. to 10.0 m.

Bar. at sea level—1017.5 mm. 1017.5 mm. 1017.5 mm.
Rel. Humidity—85 84 84
Dew Point—21 21 21
Wind Direction—NNW NNW NNW
Wind Force—11 11 11
Time—11 11 11

High—0910 0910 0910
Low—0000 0000 0000
Tide—1.48 1.48 1.48

U.S. Evacuation On Emergency Basis

Tientsin, November 15.

The United States naval authorities today placed the evacuation of Americans from North China on an emergency basis.

They announced that they were providing free transportation aboard three LST's to Tientsin and Shanghai, sailing on Wednesday morning.

Meanwhile, 202 foreign nationals, half of them United States citizens, were evacuated from Nanking at dawn today by a U.S. Navy vessel under the auspices of the American Embassy and arrived safely in Shanghai.

The group consisted mostly of non-essential dependents of American businessmen and missionaries and their colleagues and counterparts of other nationalities. The group sailed for Shanghai

Five Dead In Manila Crash

Manila, November 15.

Five persons—two men and three young ladies—were killed early on Sunday in the worst motor-car accident in the memory of residents along the concrete Tagaytay highway South of Manila.

The lone survivor, a man, escaped with minor injuries. The car, a 1937 Ford, was returning to Manila from Tagaytay City when their speeding car swerved off the road near a turn and hit a huge tree stump with terrific impact. The car was completely destroyed and the bodies hurled in all directions.

A Vice-Lieutenant of the Constabulary was among the dead.—United Press.

MALAYA CLEAN-UP "IN MONTHS"

Singapore, November 15.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General in South East Asia, said here today that Communist terrorism in Malaya would be cleaned up "in a matter of months" though happenings in China have "a long-term influence in Malaya."

The serious decrease in rice imports from Burma would also "have its effects," he said.—Reuter.

TAXI STRIKE

NEW MEN PERSUADED INTO JOINING UNION

31 Dead From TB In Week

Deaths from infectious diseases during the week ended November 6 totalled 31—all victims of tuberculosis. Total deaths from all causes was 222. Births in the same period numbered 1,042. Since the beginning of the year, tuberculosis has claimed 1,050 deaths, typhoid fever 51, diphtheria 30, and dysentery 28.

Coins Too Tempting For Him

The sight of many boxes of the Colony's cupro-nickel coins on board the ss. Choy Sung on November 13 proved too great a temptation for 42-year-old Chan Ching. So, he helped himself to some of them.

His distinction of being the first person after the war to be in possession of three coins, which were shipped off by the Japanese to Japan and which were being returned to the Hong Kong Treasury, was short-lived.

As he was taking more from the boxes he was seen by Police-constable 307 who arrested and searched him. On Chan's person was found 41 10-cents coins and one five-cent coin.

He was charged, at the Water Police Station, and Mr. S. J. Walton of the Treasury was sent to identify the Colony's 1937 coinage.

Charged at the station, Chan said, "I pick them up. I did not steal," according to Sub-Inspector J. Hadden when Chan was brought before Mr. W. I. Lallimer at Kowloon yesterday on the count of larceny.

In court, accused told the bench, "There was too much temptation. It is not larceny. I did not take them, somebody else would have taken them." Mr. Lallimer: All right. You have two months to think it over.

Solicitor's Protest

A protest against the completely erroneous report in a vernacular paper of November 13 that his client "is believed by the police to have conspired with the armed robbers" was made by Mr. Hammond before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Before the court was Chu Wing-hong alias Chu Leung, 40-year-old cargo supervisor of 90 Fa Yuen Street, second floor, on the charge of giving false information to Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie at Saigon Street on November 10.

Accused, who was remanded from November 12, was alleged to have told DSI Leslie that he did not know who was the driver of private car 3570 at 6.45 p.m. on November 9 when, in fact, he was the driver.

After DSI Leslie had successfully applied for another remand of 24 hours, Mr. Hammond (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) said that his attention had been drawn to a report in a vernacular paper of November 13, client had been charged with having conspired with the five armed men who robbed a jeweller's store on the evening of November 9.

His client, said defence counsel, has only been charged with giving false information to the police. No mention has been made as to conspiracy. By the publication of that report, his client's case would be prejudiced should it go before a jury.

The court expressed the hope that the newspaper concerned would clear up the matter by publishing a correction of its report.

The attempt by Hong Kong's eight taxi-cab companies to resume services with new drivers deteriorated further yesterday.

Only 17 taxis were counted on the Island and none on the Mainland. Meanwhile, the companies have again advertised in the Chinese Press for new drivers.

Many of the new drivers have joined the Motorcar Drivers' Association after being persuaded by pickets, several of whom were again posted at the Pedder Street taxi rank yesterday.

On the first day of the resumption of taxi services, there were 33 taxis operating on the Island. This dropped to 28 the following day and to 24 on the third day.

Given Food

Yesterday, units from other labour organisations in the Colony sympathising with the drivers, supplied the pickets with food during the day. The "China Mail" learned yesterday from the drivers that the Commissioner of Labour is still awaiting a reply from the taxi companies to the new suggestions put forward by the drivers. The suggestions were made following the companies' announcement that proposals by the drivers would be considered.

Pickets Join

The strike pickets at the Pedder Street taxi stand were given some "entertainment" at 4.20 p.m.

Early Portuguese In Far East

A detailed talk on Portuguese pioneers was given by Mr. J. M. Braga at a meeting of the Portuguese Institute at Club Lusitano yesterday.

Mr. Braga dealt with the pioneers from the 14th century, the voyage of Vasco da Gama, and the expansion of Portugal into Asia.

Mr. Braga's talk follows in part: Before the days of Prince Henry, in the 14th century, men in Europe seemed to be more familiar with the form of Heaven and Hell than of the face of the globe, but in little more than half a century, under the direction of Prince Henry, the Portuguese followed in the footsteps of the philosophers of ancient Greece and proved knowledge for the benefit of man.

The voyage of Vasco da Gama changed history. Within 15 years from the date of Vasco da Gama's voyage the Portuguese were in virtual command of the sea trade of Asia.

It was inevitable that the Portuguese should have sought an outlet to the East as part of a national crusade. Modern historians see in Portugal's expansion into Asia the logical result of the religious repression exercised by the Moors in Iberia during close on 800 years. The Iberian Peninsula was scene of 3,700 battles, as it is computed, between its Christian tribes and the Moorish Saracens.

Magic Of Discoveries

In Portugal, at first, and later in other parts of Europe, the magic of the discoveries and the mystery of the East wove a spell over the imaginations of men. In unceasing numbers Portuguese men went forth into the world. Some went in search of glory or eternal salvation in the unending "Crusade"; others sought for fortunes in colonial adventure.

As the pathfinders to the East, the Portuguese suffered terribly, but Europe gained by their experiences. Professor Boxer has pointed out that every scholar who drinks deep of Portuguese history becomes attracted to "it for life, which will explain how Mr. K. G. Jayne has summed up the story of these pioneers in a few words: "There is no need to apologise overmuch. When all criticisms have been weighed and all defects discounted, Portugal has a past which any nation might envy."

Colony Gets Back Its Nickel Coins

Keoted by the Japanese during the occupation, 1,527 cases of nickel coins were returned to Hong Kong during the week-end by ship.

A Government spokesman said yesterday that the coins will not be re-issued in the Colony. New nickel, brass coins are due to arrive here early next year.

The spokesman added that it would be a retrograde policy to have two classes of coin circulating cheek by jowl.

The coins returned from Japan includes copper and their condition shows that the nickel and copper have been subjected to fire, said the spokesman.

Personalia

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Tarrant, Mrs. S. D. Christy, Mrs. D. D. Kenyon, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Scott, Mrs. P. Day, Mrs. C. Hill, Messrs. A. J. Bell, C. W. Stork, C. J. B. Terry, W. J. Duncan, Curly, Riber, Paul H. Ul, P. F. Bunn, W. E. Menefee, C. R. Tunell, L. W. Fessler, T. C. Chung, J. B. Wolston, G. A. Marmoral, M. Anderson, and Commander A. J. Hill.

Among the new week-end arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hoffmann, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lewis, Mrs. E. F. Chard, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. B. F. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Malengreau, Mrs. K. Harlington-Laird, Lieutenant-Commander M. W. Biles, Messrs. A. J. Koller, A. E. Houseman, F. Leyshon, Wm. Zadra, G. P. Marlin, L. A. McGowan, B. H. Hall, F. E. Shivers, and J. Rechter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilles, Mrs. Nicolson, Mrs. M. Mamorat, O.P. Mrs. and Mrs. Maclellan left for Saigon by Air France on Sunday.

Glenn Hira Singh has arrived in the Colony from India to assume the office of Granthi at the Sikh Temple, Gap Road.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. George Allen Rodney Wright-Noth, Assistant Superintendent of Police, to Miss Muriel Frances Mary Gregory, of the W. S. M. S. Union Jack Club, Hong Kong.

Cable Thieves Sentenced

Sentence of 18 months' hard labour, and a recommendation for banishment, was passed on Li Kwai and Lau Muk-fai by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday, on their being convicted on four counts of theft of electric cables at Tai Wan Beach on or about October 10.

According to the prosecution, defendants were seen by Wong Wing-ham and another witness between 8 and 9 a.m. on October 18 carrying away containing buckets and baskets a quantity of cut cable.

On being informed, both Mr. A. L. Fisher of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., and Mr. N. A. Halper of the China Light & Power Co., went to Tai Wan Beach and there saw that the ground had been cut where cable was being re-laid.

They found that 60 yards of telephone cable, valued at \$300, and 120 yards of light cable, valued at \$300, had been cut and taken away.

Mexico Maintains High Tourist Standard

Mexico City, November 15. Every day is dollar day in Mexico. The late vacationing American will find a visit to Mexico just as enjoyable and cheaper than before. Devaluation of the peso boosted the purchasing power of the US dollar about 40 per cent. The peso now fluctuates around 15-cents US, as compared with the old figure of 20.7 cents.

Hotel owners have pledged to hold their prices down to pre-devaluation levels and, as far as can be determined, they are sticking to their promises. There have been some complaints, though, that hotels here and along the Pan American highway are exchanging dollars for pesos at only six to one.

Clean Rooms

Good, clean hotel rooms can be had all along "the highway" from the border to Mexico for rooming 10 to 15 pesos a day, about \$1.50 to \$2.25 per person, except in Mexico City.

In Mexico City, singles at the Posada del Sol begin at 15 pesos, while the Prado, the capital's newest and finest hotel, offers singles at 25 pesos and up.

Food and petrol, for the most part, are now considerably cheaper than in the United States.

Common, unleaded petrol, known as "gasolina," though not advisable for today's high compression engines, is sold in many places along the highway for about 15 cents a gallon. Leaded Mexolina, as good or a bit better than "regular" petrol in the U.S., comes at about 18 cents a gallon.

Five pesos—76 cents US—will pay for a good meal with a bottle of Mexolina, justly famed beer along the route from the border into Mexico City. Once in the capital, a little hunting will turn up eating places just as inexpensive.

Can Be Expensive

The tourist who wants to spend his money, however, can find a number of places to do it. In restaurants such as the Amba redeur and the Cadillac it's easy to spend \$5 and up for a meal. An evening in the flashier nightclubs such as Club, can bring a check for \$50 to \$100 for a couple. But the best fireworks in town are at such combination night club-taxi dances as the Waldorf and Rio Rosa, where there is no cover nor minimum charge, and the drink runs from 200 pesos for beer to 60 pesos for whiskey.

The best bargain in Mexico is beer, which is judged by many as being among the best brewed in the world. It can be had in the small bars and bistros for 80 centavos to a peso.

Curio prices are, as always, all of a line, but not as much as before the devaluation. Wandering vendors offer finely woven wool "gabans," which make good outer robe or throw rugs, for as little as 25 or 30 pesos. They are nowhere near as flashy as the brightly-coloured, swirly, original-looking "Saltillo" but now woven throughout the centre of Mexico as a concession to the tourist. But a sabon, actually a yard-wide and two-yard-long blanket with a slit in the center so that it can be worn over the shoulders, is more typically Mexican.

FILM AT ROTARY

A film entitled "Refreshment Through The Years" will be shown at the meeting of the Kowloon Rotary Club at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday.

Delayed HK Mail Arrives

The ss. Halland brought 4,271 bags of mail from the United States to Hong Kong on Sunday, the Postmaster General announced yesterday. In addition, to the considerable amount of American mail the vessel brought the outstanding despatches from the United Kingdom of between August 18 and September 8, held up by the water-front strike in America.

Heavy Fines At Marine Court

Heavy fines were imposed on harbour regulations violators at the Marine Court yesterday by Mr. D. G. Cairns.

Job-Inspector Nippard of the Water Police prosecuted. The eight offenders, including a 20-year-old boat mistress, had to pay a total fine of \$700. One defendant, charged with failing to take a licence, had his bail of \$15 retained for being absent in court.

Five men, including four Teochew, were fined \$100 each for boarding the Dutch steamer Tjil-sadane without permission. Chan Pui-lak, charged with having insufficient fire-fighting apparatus aboard his vessel, was fined \$150. He had two fire extinguishers in stead of the required three.

For carrying seven persons more than permitted, Leung Muk-kai was fined \$40. He was licensed to carry six passengers, including the crew. Among the 13 persons aboard his craft, when police searched her, were his wife and young son.

Chen Si, the only female defendant, pleaded that the heavy winds blew off her lights, when charged with having no light aboard her rammie. She was fined \$10, the lowest figure.

High Price For Opium

For every inch of opium she had, Chu Ying was fined \$150 by Mr. W. H. Lallimer at Kowloon yesterday.

When she was searched at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station on Saturday, 31 tins of raw opium were found concealed in the false bottoms of two baskets she was carrying.

She had to pay \$3,100 or serve a prison term of nine months. Fung Moon-keung and Ma Ching-chung both had opium in their shoes when searched at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station on Sunday. Fung had seven tins and Ma eight tins of raw opium.

Fung was fined \$700 or three months and Ma \$800 or three months. Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox prosecuted.

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Res Publicorum

Sir—I have read with surprise the letter of the Colonel. I was surprised because of the suggestion that he would be pitching his Political Tent in my camp or at best not far away. I understand from his letter that there are some in your tent-dwellers, Charles Losby, Voter-Elect, and my good old friend C. A. Sutherland-Russ who are also expected to be but a stone's throw from the Colonel's Tent.

Now I am rather distressed about this, with my chain and annoyance, it would appear that my tent is unwittingly pitched among the tents of the milk and water boys. Damn it, Sir, I am no fellow for these people! I want my tent to be as far as possible from such people as those who write to you with such indefinite views that one disclaims having had any idea of forming "political" parties, and the other, who says that for the present his politics shall have no colour at all and which will pitch its tent in the Conservative camp merely for convenience and will possibly become independent later.

This is no way to start out with an eye on the day when we may be permitted some small say in our own government. I am dyed in the wool and I want no truck with shilly-shallyers. I was born North of the Tweed, and but a stone's throw from a fine old building where the men of my race long ago signed a Declaration. It was the Declaration of Scottish Independence. It is a great document, too little known today even among the Scots.

It reads inter alia as follows: "It is not for glory, honour, or riches that we fight but for freedom which no man loses but with his life." The emphasis, Sir, is on the word "man". I don't want the Colonel's tent near mine, and I don't want Mr. Charles Losby's tent near mine. They have made up their minds for what, if anything, they are prepared to fight. As to C. A. Sutherland-Russ's Tent—it will be a privilege to be anywhere in its vicinity whatever his political leanings for I have an admiration for a fine mind and a brilliant sense of humour, strong views, and downright good sense.

JOHN WARD.

Police Offer No Evidence

Leung Lo, 20-year-old boatman, was discharged by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday when Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie said that the police was offering no evidence against him on the count of possession of two rifles and 41 rounds of ammunition.

His co-defendant, 19-year-old boatman Leung Fuk alias Leung Yau-lee, was remanded until tomorrow to enable him to take out a licence for his junk and for the arms and ammunition.

DSI Leslie said that at 9 a.m. on November 11 he boarded the junk at Castle Peak Bay and asked Leung Fuk whether he had any arms and ammunition on board. Defendant brought out the two rifles and 41 rounds of ammunition.

Accused admitted that he had no Hong Kong Police licence for the arms, but produced a permit from the Chinese authorities. His junk was also not licensed in Hong Kong.

The police, said DSI Leslie, are satisfied that the rifles were for the protection of the junk which plies between the Chinese territories and the Colony. As a Hong Kong licence would be issued for these arms, the prosecution was not applying for their confiscation.

CHARGED WITH HAVING SWORD

Fung Yat-ming, aged 32, was charged before the Almada at Central yesterday with the possession of a sword without a licence at the Fat Shan Wharf on November 11.

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Ralph Shaw Again

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Perhaps, Mr. Brazier-Creagh, when the time comes, could take over Leighton Hill flats as a new Council Chamber and instal me (and my sadly battered typewriter) there—much better than a tent (even a Press Tent) which might leak in rainy weather and would certainly be draughty.

Damn it all, hasn't Mr. Brazier-Creagh realised the power of the Press, or has it escaped his notice that I am a Press Tent?

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RALPH SHAW

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The Navy and the R.A.F. are miles ahead of us as far as pay of the civilians is concerned. So, come on The Army, get some action and earn the everlasting gratitude and thanks of the poor civilian employee and his family.

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GOLD SEIZED

On the application of Mr. Humphreys at Central yesterday, Mr. Hin-shing Lo granted the confiscation of three gold bars valued at HK\$4,500.

Defendant, "So Yiu-sang", aged 17, failed to put in an appearance in court and had his bail of HK\$25 estreated.

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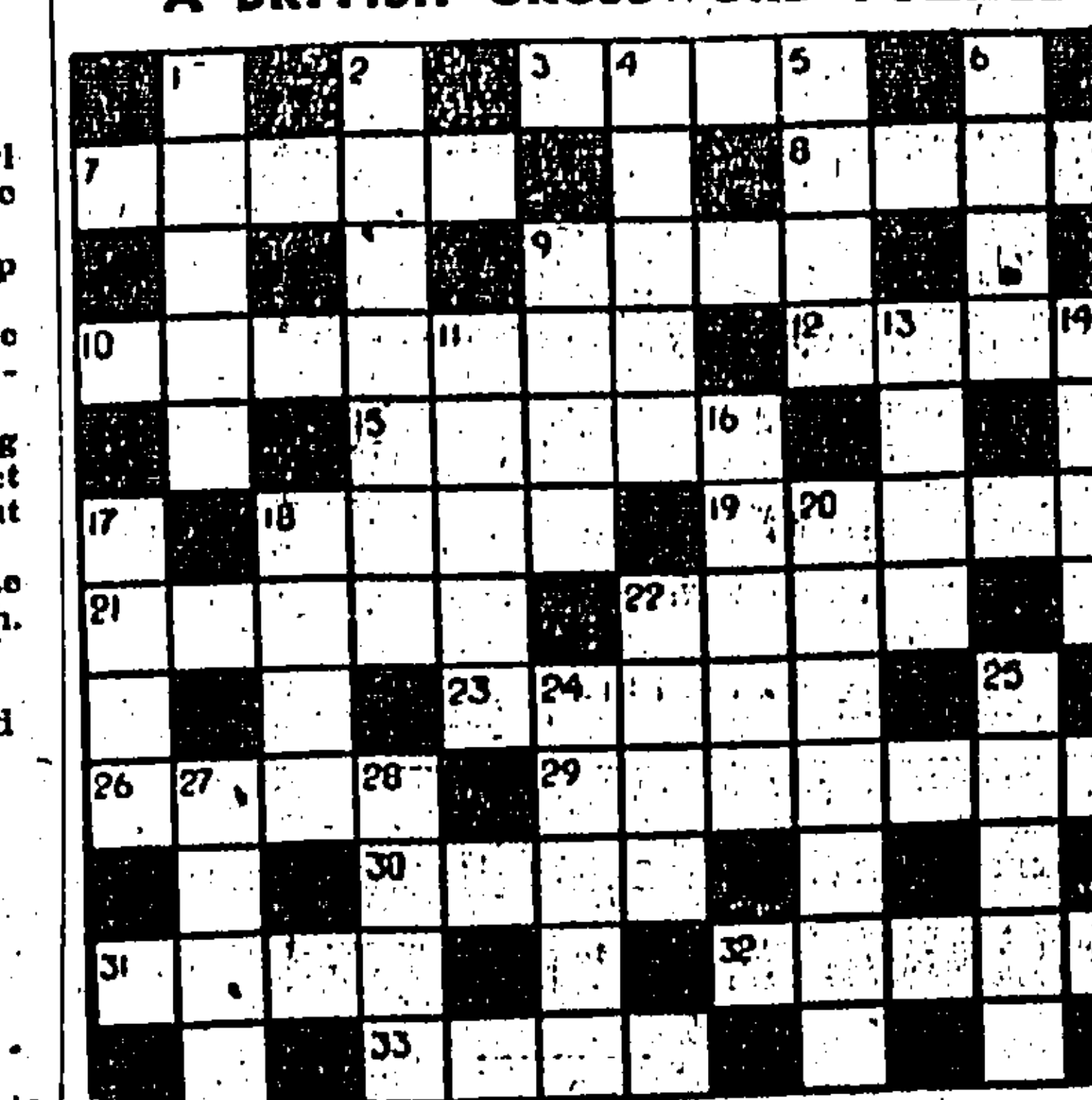
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At two tables South played hastily on the spade 2 return, putting in the Q, so that the KC covered by the A left East with the high J. Immediately one of those declarers realised his mistake and, sore at himself, promptly led a heart to the A, whereupon East scored the spade J and held him to exactly game.

The other South who made the bad play of the Q on the spade 2, went to work to repair the damage, keeping his about him. The next thing the bid was lead the diamond Q from dummy, ready to finesse. East covered, the A scored, and the diamond 5 was led to the 10. Back to his own hand came this South with the club A and laid down the diamond J, hoping both defenders would follow suit. When they did, the spade 3 was discarded. That assured the same extra trick made by the players who played properly to the third trick. The bacon had been saved.

Several different kinds of bidding produced that contract in a pair duplicate, and several types of play ensued. At a number of tables West led the club 7 to the J, the heart 5 was led to the 10 and K, and East sent back the spade 2. In some cases South made the correct play of the

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Clues Across
3 Final
7 Refuge
8 Deception
9 Mud
10 Narration
12 Bird
13 Observed
16 Discourteous
19 Proportion
21 Avaries
23 Minute passage
25 Produce
26 Mark of a blow
29 Deceived
30 Dance
31 Kernel
32 Chastity
33 Highland garment

Clues Down
1 Tag
2 Train
4 Spry
5 Muscle
6 Wan
8 Companion
11 Hot drink
13 Ceremony
14 Recaps
16 Comical
17 Grew old
18 Means
19 of control
20 Laborious
22 Fate
24 Feet
25 Send
26 Black
28 Migration
29 Theory
30 Elder
31 Link
32 Abrogate
33 Acorn
34 Street
35 Noble
36 Enter
37 Lion

Yesterday's Crossword
Across: 1 Stream, 7 Edit, 9 Cited, 10 Divan, 11 Irks, 12 Remarkable, 16 Idea, 18 Fear, 19 Contingent, 22 Slog, 24 Irate, 25

Atlantic Defence Pact May Be For Fifty Years

Washington, November 14.

Diplomatic circles here expect that the Permanent Commission of the Brussels Pact powers, meeting in London, will complete within the next few days a draft of the North Atlantic Pact. It will then be considered by the State Department and the Committee of the Brussels Pact powers' Ambassadors.

Details of a reported French draft have appeared in American papers and have apparently been accepted by diplomatic sources as authoritative. The French draft, as reported, provides for:

1. A 50-year alliance for mutual defence to be signed by the United States, Canada, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.
2. A Permanent Secretariat.
3. Periodic consultations of the Foreign Ministers of the signatory powers.
4. Immediate action in case any one or more of them is attacked by an aggressor State.
5. General military collaboration.
6. Provision for immediate consultation in hostilities broke out.

Basic Objectives

The Canadian Embassy in Washington have now made public several official statements made this year on Canadian Government policy on the proposed North Atlantic Treaty.

The statements by the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, contain a definition of three basic objectives for the pact:

1. A collective Security League composed of States willing to accept more specific and concrete obligations than those contained in the Charter of the United Nations in relation to Greater and smaller countries than the United Nations could now give.
2. The creation and maintenance for the defence of freedom and peace of an overwhelming moral, economic and military force over any adversary or possible combination of adversaries and the necessary unity for its effective use.
3. The establishment of the new collective Security League within the framework of Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, which permits the development of such regional pacts.

Statements by Mr. L. B. Pearson after his appointment as Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs give further details as to how these objectives are to be achieved.

1. Sharing of resources. It would be the task of a North Atlantic Security system to agree upon a fair allocation of duties among the participating countries, under which each would undertake to do that share of the joint

defence and production job that it could do most effectively.

2. A Permanent Council of the North Atlantic powers. If the obligations and resources are to be shared, it is obvious that some sort of constitutional machinery must be established, under which each participating country would have a fair share in determining the policy of all, which affects all, otherwise without their consent, the policy of one or two or three may increase the risks and therefore the obligations of all. —Reuter.

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Racial Riots Continue In Calcutta

Calcutta, November 14.
Six were stabbed, one of them fatally, in Central and North Calcutta today—a sequel to yesterday's disturbance when a crowd attacked a Moslem religious procession.

The rest of the city was quiet, the official announced, and in the localities affected yesterday normal life was resumed. The curfew imposed in the trouble-stricken areas yesterday was extended for another night.

The communique said 28 received gunshot wounds yesterday or suffered from the effects of bombs and acid burns. It warned that possession of unauthorised arms and weapons "will not be tolerated any longer." —Reuter.

Election Rioting In The Sudan

Khartoum, November 14.

On the eve of tomorrow's general election to the Sudan's first Legislative Assembly, police broke up protest riots in Khartoum and Omdurman.

The demonstrations were organised by the pro-Egyptian Sudanese National Front and 4,000 people took part. The Commandant of Police, Mr. William Courtis, was taken to hospital with a broken arm. Demonstrations were banned recently after clashes between rival party supporters.

The police have arrested 65 persons, including Dardar Ahmed, leader of the Unity of the Nile Valley Party, and Hamed Ibrahim, leader of the United Party. They are charged with "inciting demonstrations disturbing the peace."

The Independent Front, led by Uthman El Mahdi Pasha, is supporting tomorrow's election, which is boycotted by the National Front parties. Egypt seeks sovereignty over the Sudan, now an Anglo-Egyptian condominium, a Britain controls the Sudanese should be prepared for self-government.

The plans for the future of the Sudan, announced by the Governor General, Sir Robert Howe in June, provide for a Legislative Assembly of three classes of members—65 elected, not more than 10 nominated, and ex-officio members. They will be elected for three years. —Reuter.

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JAPAN AS DEMOCRACY'S ASIAN DEFENCE LINE?

Tokyo, November 14.

The English language Nippon Times declared in an editorial today that no amount of American aid to China now seems likely to stem the Communist advance. It suggested that Japan be bolstered as democracy's new line of defence in East Asia.

The Japanese-owned newspaper, which often reflects Allied Headquarters' viewpoint, hastened to add that "it should be realised that in preparing Japan as the next line of defence there should be no thought of favouring Japan over China or of sacrificing or abandoning China."

"Even if China should be maintained as the first line of defence, an economically strengthened Japan will be necessary, for an economically weak and unstable Japan would mean a dangerous weakness behind the lines."

The editorial continued: "The advance of Communist attitudes as much a danger to our country as to others. China and Japan are indissolubly bound in a common struggle against a common menace and anything which strengthens one of the countries automatically strengthens the other."

Not Rivals

"China and Japan should not be regarded as rivals in the quest for American support. They constitute complementary and interdependent units in the same integrated strategy. 'If all-out aid will do China any practical good at this time

Japan should be very happy to see all-out aid go to China. Even from a purely selfish point of view Japan should prefer to see China take the brunt of the shock of blocking the Communist advance while Japan reposes in the greater security of the rear."

"But on the other hand, if the situation in China is already too far gone to be saved by emergency aid, Japan should not shirk the responsibility of becoming the next main bastion of the defence."

"And it does seem that the situation in China is such that the amount of American aid which can be really mustered will be insufficient to turn the tide." —United Press.

BAN ON MAPS

Cairo, November 14.
The Egyptian Prime Minister, Mahmoud El Nokrasy Pasha, banned today the printing, sale or circulation of maps of any part of Egypt of a scale larger than 1:250,000.

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base would save shipping in another way. The U-boat packs then infesting the North Atlantic could best be combated by means of heavy escorts. No matter what line of military operations might be selected, we still had to keep open Britain's life line.

For her minimum existence needs she had to import something between twenty and twenty-five million tons per year—her peacetime imports were over fifty million—and a considerable portion of this amount came from the United States. This line, therefore, had to be maintained, and by placing our troops and military cargo convoys on the same route we could achieve a greater safety from the U-boat until such time that menace could be nullified.

By comparison with other possible avenues of approach, considering the need for concentration, quick access to the heart of the enemy country, avoidance of impassable terrain obstacles, and rapidity of build-up, the best choice was invasion of North West Europe, using England as a base.

All these things were so obvious, as to be axiomatic; there was no quarrel. But from that point on we encountered the obstacle on which all discussions split and practically exploded in our faces. This was a very definite conviction, held by some of our experienced soldiers, sailors, and airmen, that the fortified coast of Western Europe could not be successfully attacked. Already much was known of the tremendous effort the German was making to insure integrity of his Atlantic wall. Moreover, a considerable amount of the German Air Force could still be disposed in these areas, and important elements of his fleet were lying in the harbours of Northern France, in Norway, and in the Baltic Sea. The coast line was crowded with U-boat nests while undersea mining was rapidly covering every possible approach.

Many held that attack against this type of defence was madness, not only by military standards, but by common sense.

Even among those who thought direct assault by land forces would eventually become necessary, the majority believed that definite signs of cracking German morale would have to appear before it would be practicable to attempt such an enterprise.

A very few—initially a very few—took a contrary view. General Marshall, who had already been informed of the basic conception on which we were working, was one of the believers. Others were Major Generals McNarney and Carl Spaatz of the Air Corps, while my little band of faithful assistants in the Operations Division, including Generals Handy and Crawford, and Colonels Hull and Wedemeyer, were nothing less than enthusiasts. In the aggregate, not many officers were really aware of the existence of the project, nor had they heard any of the great arguments pro and con that went into its making. Many with whom we had to consult were always ready to express doubts of the blindest character, but these never discouraged the group responsible for the preparation of the project.

This group held that if we would plan for an operation on the assumptions that our Air Force would be, at the chosen moment, overwhelming in strength; that the German air forces would be virtually swept from the skies; and that our bombers could practically isolate the attack area from rapid reinforcement; that the U-boat would be so effectively countered that our convoys could count with com-

parative certainty on making a safe Atlantic crossing, that our supporting naval vessels would be present in strength to batter down local defences and that specialised landing craft could be available in such numbers as to make possible the rapid pouring ashore of a great army, through an initial breach—then the wall was not only practicable but would lead to the definite defeat of Germany. Moreover, this tiny group solidly held that no other operation could do more than peck at the outer perimeter of the German defence; that unless this particular campaign were undertaken the prospect of defeating Germany on land was completely black.

We felt we were bringing a new concept, almost a new faith, to strategic thinking, one which envisioned the air co-ordinated with ground operations to the extent that a ground-air team would be developed, tending to multiply the effectiveness of both.

Many ground soldiers belittled the possibilities of the airplane against ground formations. Curiously enough, quite a number of Air Force officers were also antagonistic to the idea, thinking they saw an attempt to shackle the air to the ground and therefore a failure to realize the full capabilities of air attack. It was patiently explained over and over again that, on the contrary, the greater coordination would constantly advance the air bases and would articulate strategic bombing effects with ground strategy, so that as the air constantly assisted the advance of the ground forces its long-range would not only be facilitated but destruction of its selected targets would contribute more effectively and directly to Nazi defeat. All this—so easy now to see—was then the subject of prolonged and earnest argument, extending over days and weeks.

These reasons and supporting argument, coupled with a great number of technical papers, were finally drawn up in a tentative strategic outline for presentation to the Chief of Staff. He had been aware, of course, of its preparation.

With his usual receptiveness and open-mindedness, General Marshall invited a full explanation of the scheme. The burden of proof was on us, but the critical point, the very basis of the whole plan, had to be taken into account. This basis was the conviction that through an overpowering air force, numbering its combat strength in thousands rather than in hundreds, the German defences could be beaten down or neutralized, his communications so badly impaired as to make counter-concentration difficult, his air force swept from the skies, and that our ground armies would have an ever-present asset of incalculable power. Without this conviction, the whole plan was visionary. Yet there was no way of proving this particular point because, among other things, the airplanes we needed did not then exist.

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European Axis. This decision, once reached, would be the guiding principle of the war until Germany was defeated; all other operations and efforts would necessarily be considered as subsidiary or secondary to the main thrust, and would be designed either to defend vital links in our defensive structure or to support the principal effort when once the main attacking forces should be ready.

To use American forces for an attack on Germany was impossible. The only lines of approach were the long, tortuous, and difficult routes through Murmansk on the North and the Persian Gulf on the South, via the Cape of Good Hope. These lines could carry nothing additional to the equipment and supplies that were necessary to keep the Russian forces in the struggle until their own badly torn industrial fabric could be repaired.

Plans for attacking through Norway, through Spain and Portugal, and even for not attacking with ground forces at all but depending exclusively on the effect of sea and air superiority, were all studied in infinite detail.

Another area to be considered as a possible theatre of operations for the main effort against Germany was the Mediterranean. In the early spring of '42 the British situation in the Middle East was such that the full might of Great Britain, standing in the Western Desert with the hope that the arrival of reinforcements from England, together with promised equipment from America, would eventually allow him to undertake an offensive that might drive Rommel out of Africa. But the central Mediterranean was closed to the Allies. Malta was beleaguered, pounded incessantly by bombers based in Sicily and Italy. Any attack that attempted to move straight in from Gibraltar against Italy and Sicily was doomed to failure from the start because the invading forces, without defensive air support, would have to pass directly under an over-

President Quirino: The
Filipino Leader

By
TOM CARRIGG

With six months of able and stable government under his belt, Juan K. Quirino has really begun to take stock of his Presidency. Epitaphio Quirino.

And, although stressing the Apo's defections, Juan is realizing that he is being well-led—that Quirino is a beneficial citizen of the P.I. Indeed, many will tell you, that he is only on favourite for the election.

His green light to all Government agencies to investigate irregularities, scandals, mismanagement, is the inception of the long overdue spring cleaning, that post-war politics here needs. By bringing the Surplus Properly scandal into the limelight, his stocks have soared.

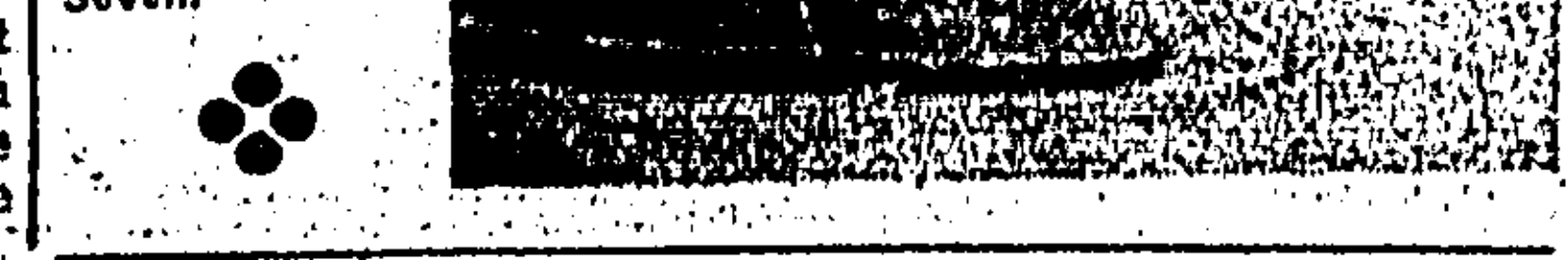
His recent promotion to form a Rice Commission to end all overlapping in the rice situation in the P.I. has as its intention to see that every Filipino has sufficient food during the present serious scarcity.

As well, he has a police probe in session that promises to make the P.I. more law-abiding, and he has ordered the National Coconut Corporation to cease trading because of its large losses.

Mr. Quirino gained prestige in use of atomic or other new weapons. In the event of war, mobile columns, civil and military, would be able to reinforce local civil defence workers at any point. The question of the provision of shelters, it may be noted, has been much in the Government's mind. But the instructions recently given to local authorities to suspend the destruction of air raid shelters, except where they are in a dangerous state, should be given no particular significance beyond the fact that the Government do not intend to expend vast efforts in building new shelters or other protective works. The Bill makes provision for the compulsory acquisition of land and for the setting aside of any statutory provisions or restrictions affecting constructional works or the use of buildings or land. One newspaper carried the headline "£500,000 For Civil Defence". Actually, no target figure has been set. When full strength is reached, the figure quoted may perhaps be attained.

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A PRINCE IS BORN

The felicitations pouring into London from all parts of the British Commonwealth on the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth within a few days of her first wedding anniversary were enthusiastically echoed throughout Hong Kong yesterday. No formal endorsement of the universal pleasure is necessary; that goes unreservedly for all who call themselves British in whatever part of the globe they may reside. Well might British hearts be stirred; the young Prince is the first child born in direct succession to the Throne for fifty-four years, and his birth cements a royal romance which had already captured the imagination of the King's loyal subjects and ensured for the youthful parents of a future King a lasting place in the national affection. The thousands of people who spent hours within the vicinity of Buckingham Palace on Sunday, awaiting the official announcement of the birth of the child, and that all was well, were, in their anxiety to be first to learn the glad tidings, but giving expression to a spirit shared throughout the Empire, and to an attitude which links the affairs of the Royal Family so closely with those of their people that in the popular mind they are barely divisible. For this reason, there will be additional cause for rejoicing in that Princess Elizabeth's first-born should be a son, a Prince of the Realm. It is not merely a matter of sentiment; the restoration of the male line to the Throne is a cause for congratulation and rejoicing, for somehow it seems more appropriate that a Kingdom should be ruled by a King, and undoubtedly affairs of State are simplified and constitutional problems reduced to a minimum. The Empire's pleasure would have been undiminished had the royal child disappointed Her Royal Highness's confidence that her baby would be a Prince; the event lends additional reason for approval, felicitation and thanksgiving.

Civil Defence

The long awaited British Civil Defence Bill, the text of which has now been published, will be the subject of keen study, and not in Britain alone. According to newspaper reports the announcement of a civil defence plan for the USA similar to that of Britain is expected within a few days. The chief points about the British Bill are these: Training and service will be voluntary—in peacetime. As the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, pointed out, the Government have always held the view that, adequate preparations of civil defence are essential to Britain's general defence system. The Bill may, therefore, be regarded as a normal peacetime measure. An appeal for volunteers will not be made until instructors, full-time or part-time, are trained. There will be no age limit but precautions will be taken against too many young people entering civil defence when, in the event of war, they might be needed for one of the usual compulsory forms of service. The Bill is thoroughly up-to-date in conception. That is to say, the organisation will be adaptable not only to the needs of conventional forms of attack but also to needs arising from the

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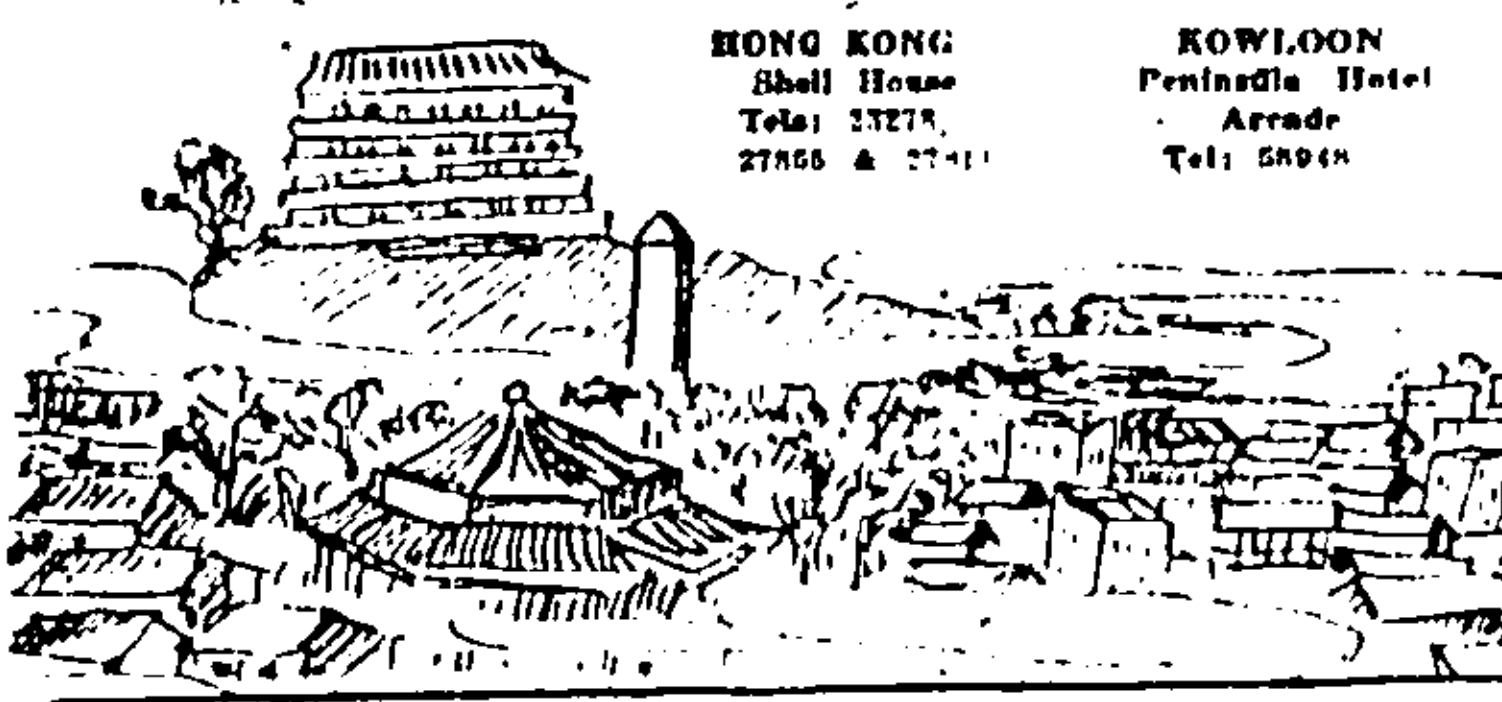
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Princess Elizabeth, whose first baby was born on Sunday night has always been interested in children and their welfare. The little fellow shown here had such a strong grasp that the Princess had to say smilingly, "Please may I have my finger back?"

Historic Customs Were Abandoned

London, November 14.

Few historic customs surrounded the birth of Princess Elizabeth's baby, because it is only in recent times that Royal births have been preceded by so much glamour and publicity.

In formal Victorian days a Royal birth was treated almost casually. Today, speculation increases daily until the child is born.

Elections In French Zone

Frankfurt, November 14. An estimated 65 per cent of all eligible voters went to the polls in the French Zone of Germany today to elect their district and parish councils.

The proportion was about 10 per cent higher in the rural areas than in the cities, where about 50 per cent voted.

Incomplete returns indicated tonight that the polling brought no change in the relative strength of the political parties. A voting official said about 2,000,000 went to the polls, the French Zone's second election since the beginning of the occupation.

The returns tonight showed that the Christian Democratic Union, the strongest party in the Zone, was little affected by the campaign of the three Opposition parties—the Social Democrats, the Democratic People's Party and the Communists.

Final results are not expected before tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

Clashes In Luzon Area

Manila, November 15. Trouble in various sections of Central Luzon continued during the week-end, with at least 23 persons—including 14 Hukos—losing their lives, while two civilians were kidnapped.

Six civilians guards and three Army soldiers were killed in a Huk ambush near La Paz, Tarlac, and three soldiers seriously wounded.

Eleven Hukos were killed and several others wounded in an encounter near Norzagaray, Bulacan.

Three Hukos were killed in a battle with the Constabulary near San Jose, Nueva Ecija.

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Mother And Child "Doing Well"

London, November 14.

Princess Elizabeth, 22-year-old heiress to the Throne, gave birth to a son at Buckingham Palace tonight.

The child was born at 9.14 p.m. GMT (5.14 a.m. H.K. time on Monday). He becomes second in line of succession to the Throne, immediately after Princess Elizabeth herself.

It was officially announced from Buckingham Palace: "Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh, was safely delivered of a Prince at 9.14 p.m. today. Her Royal Highness and her son are both doing well."

Sir Alan Lascelles, Private Secretary to the King, at once telephoned the news to the Home Secretary. He filled in the missing word on previously prepared telegrams, which went at once from the Court post office to the Governors-General overseas.

The Queen was at once informed. The King was told, and also the Duke of Edinburgh.

The official announcement from Buckingham Palace was not signed by the doctors.

A signed bulletin may be issued later.

Arrangements were at once made for a copy of the announcement to be stuck up outside the Palace, where a huge crowd was waiting.

Sir William Gilliat, 64-year-old leading gynaecologist, and Sir John Weir, aged 69, who has been Physician to the King since 1937, delivered the baby.

"Good Old Philip"

The mid-wife was Miss Helen Rowe, a State-registered nurse.

The Duke of Edinburgh waited outside the room with the King and Queen.

The title of the child, the first to be born in Buckingham Palace since 1888, is His Royal Highness, Prince—of Edinburgh.

The birth comes 11 months and 26 days after the colourful wedding of the Princess to the 27-year-old Duke of Edinburgh—formerly Prince Philip of Greece, at Westminster Abbey.

Announcement of the birth was made to the crowds by a blue uniformed Royal page, who walked out to the gates, where he told a police constable, who relayed the news to the crowds.

At once there was a cheer and a great shout "Good old Philip!"

High officials of the Royal Household, their faces wreathed in smiles, watched the scene from the Palace doorway.

Duke Cheered

A few minutes after the announcement the Duke of Edinburgh appeared in the Palace Court yard and the crowds cheered and sang "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Inside Buckingham Palace an air of tension had prevailed all through the evening.

Sister Helen Rowe, the mid-wife, called Sir William Gilliat to the Princess.

Soon afterwards he telephoned Sir John Weir, who drove into the Palace by the side gate to avoid the crowds.

The doctors, after seeing the Princess, had dinner. Soon after, calls went out to bring Sir Alan Lascelles and other officials to the Palace.

But before they had all arrived the baby Prince was born.

Close to Princess Elizabeth during the evening was her personal maid, Miss Margaret MacDonald, who has been with her since her childhood.

"Boso" Told First

"Boso," as the Princess calls her, was one of the first people to know that the Princess had a son.

The Duke of Edinburgh was overjoyed.

One of the first telegrams he sent off was to his uncle, Earl Mountbatten, who is commanding the First Cruiser Squadron at Malta.

There was general joy among Household officials and Royal servants when the news spread through the Palace that a Prince had been born.

As soon as she heard the news, Queen Mary, mother of the King, ordered her car to drive her to Buckingham Palace to see her first great grandchild.

Wearing an evening gown, Queen Mary had a tremendous welcome from the crowds when she drove to the Palace gates just after 10.30 p.m. She was at once shown up to the Princess' rooms where she saw the baby Prince.

Crowds Celebrate

By this time the pressure of the crowd outside the Palace was so great and excitement was so tense that the police shut all gates.

Palace servants hung out of the windows of Buckingham Palace watching the crowd of some 3,000 throwing caps and hats into the air.

The B.B.C. interrupted programmes to announce the birth and to play the National Anthem.

Princess Elizabeth's son is the first Royal baby to be born in direct succession to the British Throne since the birth of the Duke of Windsor at the Royal Lodge, Windsor, in 1894.—Reuter.

Question Of State

Princess Elizabeth's child will later on have to study subjects of which most children have only the faintest idea: Constitutional history and law, for instance, will show the child its place as an individual in the British Commonwealth. World history, British, European, American, political and economic history is necessarily the subject of primary importance in the education of an heir to the Throne.

The whole plan for the child's education will be a question of State. It must be formally discussed and approved by the Cabinet, as not only a matter of interest within the Court circle, but to everyone in the Commonwealth, over which it may one day be called on to reign.

Princess Elizabeth will be her baby's first tutor. Her mother taught her to talk and she intends to teach her own baby. Very early she must make the child understand one thing—its duty in life as a member of the Constitutional Monarchy of Britain today is to lead by example.

Always at hand for the Princess is the advice of Queen Elizabeth, who deliberately kept her early upbringing as simple as possible, and has seen to it that her daughter matured into a natural, unspoiled young woman. There is also Queen Mary, who has master-minded her granddaughter's career and will certainly take the same interest in her first great grandchild.—Reuter.

PACIFIC STORM

Guam, November 15. Typhoon conditions were lifted today. The awaited storm with winds of 40 to 55 knots passed between Guam and Saipan last night. No serious damage was reported on the island.—Associated Press.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

The photograph shows the entrance to the road leading down to the Pathological Institute from Caine Road.

LEWIS DOUGLAS IN PARIS

Paris, November 14. The United States Ambassador in London, Mr. Lewis Douglas, arrived in Paris by air from London tonight to confer with the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall.—Reuter.

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Royal Baby Second In Succession Line

London, November 14.

Princess Elizabeth's son automatically became second in line of succession to the throne, following his mother.

He is the first direct heir born since the present Duke of Windsor 54 years ago, as his mother is only Heiress Presumptive in the absence of a male child of the King and Queen.

The line of succession now is: (1) Princess Elizabeth, (2) Princess Elizabeth's son, (3) Princess Margaret, Elizabeth's younger sister, (4) The Duke of Gloucester, brother of King George, (5) Prince William, elder son of the Duke of Gloucester, (6) Prince Richard, younger son of the Duke, (7) The Duke of Kent, elder son of the late Duke, who was killed in a wartime plane crash, (8) Prince Michael of Kent, younger son of the late Duke, (9) Princess Alexandra of Kent, daughter of the late Duke, (10) The Princess Royal, Countess of Harewood, sister of King George, (11) The Earl of Harewood, elder son of the Princess Royal, (12) The Hon. Gerald Lascelles, younger son of the Princess Royal.—United Press.

Baby Prince May Be King Some Day

London, November 14.

The child that was born in Buckingham Palace today may one day sit on the Throne of Britain.

From the moment it is old enough to think, the training of a future monarch will begin.

From its very nursery days the child, first to be born in direct succession to the Throne since the birth of the Duke of Windsor in 1894, must be educated consciously for the public service which lies before him.

Soon after its first faltering steps it will receive its first simple lessons in the extra courtesy which is the first social duty of the British Royal Family.

No one knows better than the child's mother, that the upbringing of a future monarch differs from every other child's in the world.

When Princess Elizabeth was ten and a half, her "Uncle David" abdicated from the throne and she became Heiress Presumptive to the Throne. From then on, her education became specialized.

Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret have never gone to school. A Royal Family council decided against breaking the tradition that a British Princess be privately educated by selected tutors.

Princess Elizabeth's child will later on have to study subjects of which most children have only the faintest idea: Constitutional history and law, for instance, will show the child its place as an individual in the British Commonwealth. World history, British, European, American, political and economic history is necessarily the subject of primary importance in the education of an heir to the Throne.

The whole plan for the child's education will be a question of State. It must be formally discussed and approved by the Cabinet, as not only a matter of interest within the Court circle, but to everyone in the Commonwealth, over which it may one day be called on to reign.

Princess Elizabeth will be her baby's first tutor. Her mother taught her to talk and she intends to teach her own baby. Very early she must make the child understand one thing—its duty in life as a member of the Constitutional Monarchy of Britain today is to lead by example.

Always at hand for the Princess is the advice of Queen Elizabeth, who deliberately kept her early upbringing as simple as possible, and has seen to it that her daughter matured into a natural, unspoiled young woman. There is also Queen Mary, who has master-minded her granddaughter's career and will certainly take the same interest in her first great grandchild.—Reuter.

PACIFIC STORM

Guam, November 15. Typhoon conditions were lifted today. The awaited storm with winds of 40 to 55 knots passed between Guam and Saipan last night. No serious damage was reported on the island.—Associated Press.

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The photograph shows the entrance to the road leading down to the Pathological Institute from Caine Road.

LEWIS DOUGLAS IN PARIS

Paris, November 14. The United States Ambassador in London, Mr. Lewis Douglas, arrived in Paris by air from London tonight to confer with the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall.—Reuter.

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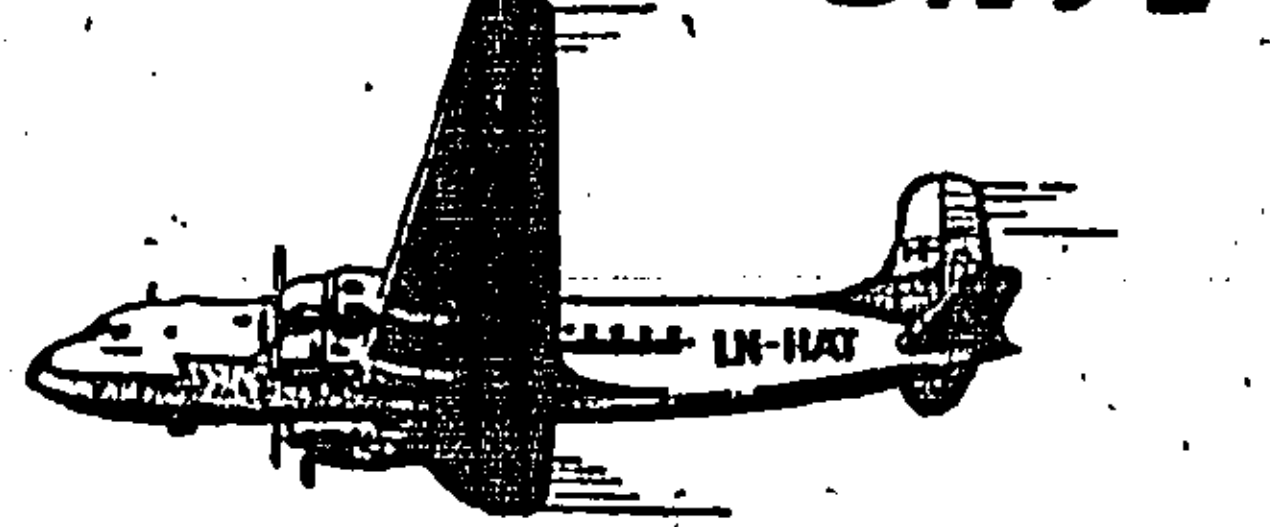
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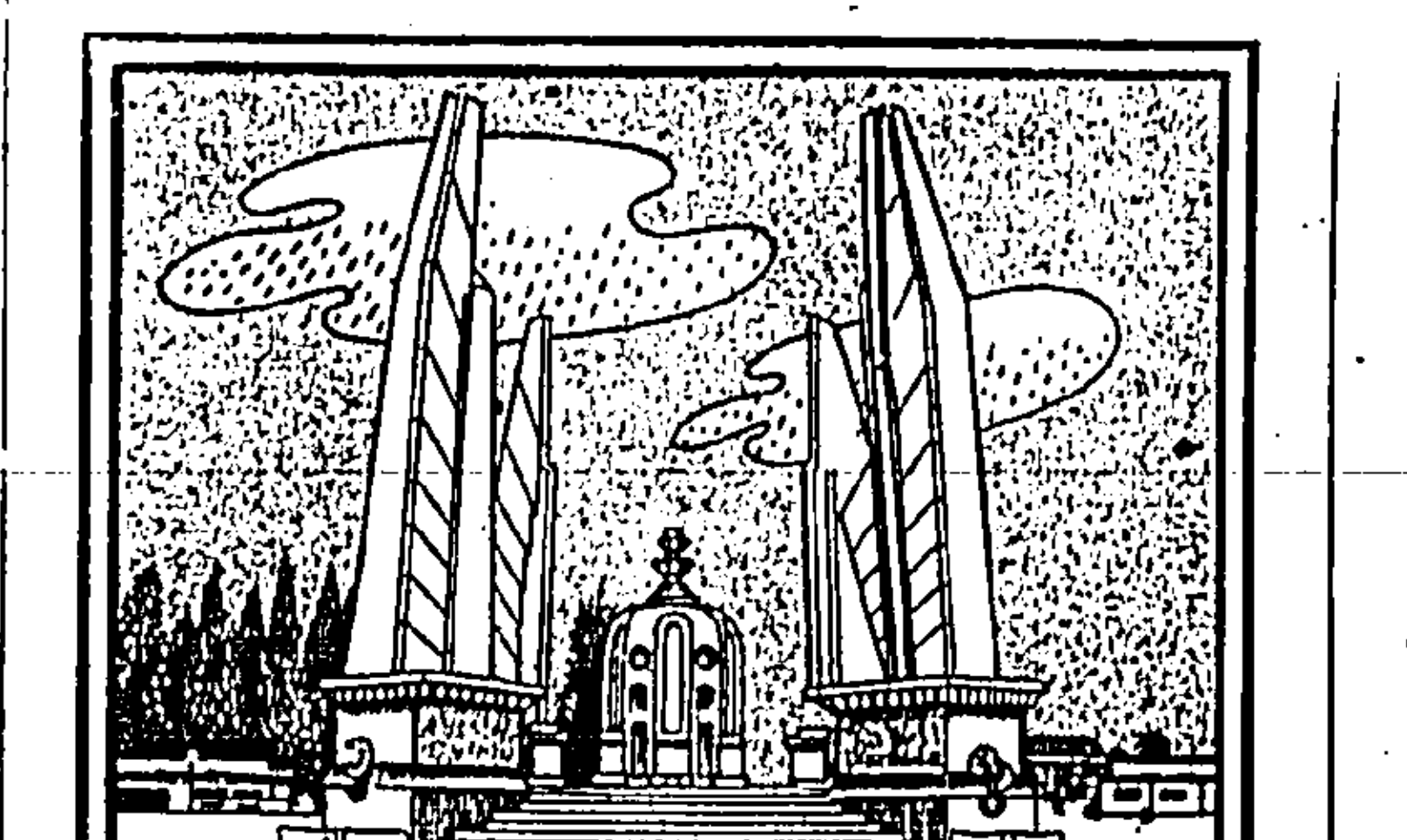
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German Forgeries Still Circulate

The Hague, November 14.
Nearly £200,000,000 worth of almost perfectly forged Bank of England notes are still in circulation. The notes were made on Himmler's orders in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp during the war.

This was stated today by Mr. Jean Adler, head of the Anti-Forgery Section of the International Police. Along one side of his trim second floor room in the building which the Gestapo once occupied during the war, there was a long row of great metal lockers. Inside are rows upon rows of drawers containing complete sets of notes and coins from 140 different countries. Most of the drawers also contain forgeries. None are as excellent as the Bank of England £1, £5, £10, £20 and £100 notes. Even the watermark is perfect.

"The notes are still coming in to us fairly constantly, but with the exception of these we have so far received, £20,000,000 are still circulating."

Gigantic Project

He said: "In 1943, 140 men most of them experts and all of them Jews, were sent to Sachsenhausen, Oranienburg, near Berlin, to carry out Himmler's gigantic forgery project.

"Photographers, lithographers and photo engravers were set to work and a special paper mill was used to make paper almost identical with that of the Bank of England. The notes were to be used for three purposes.

"1. For payment of foreign countries.

"2. For payment of spies.

"3. For purchasing into England to cause an economic chaos."

Luckily, British Intelligence Officers received details of the scheme. The Bank of England was informed and new notes bearing the famous silver line were issued in England, thus minimizing the danger of forgeries, he said.

Stoff Murdered

When the Russians broke through in the spring of 1945, the Germans hurriedly moved their printing plant to a secret mountain hide-out in Austria. The staff accompanied it and continued printing.

Then the Americans broke through from the South and most of the staff were murdered by Nazi officials.

Mr. Adler said: "We know that £200,000,000 worth of notes were produced in the project."

Of these a £100,000,000 worth were burned on the spot in Austria; £10,000,000 worth have been issued in various countries. The remaining £10,000,000 worth were thrown into an Austrian lake, but almost all were recovered by Allied troops.

Among the staff who escaped were six Dutchmen. One of them reached a British Intelligence Unit and special Scotland Yard officers were flown to Austria to discover what had happened to the now famous Himmler plates. It has not been confirmed by the International Police that they were ever found.

—United Press.

Wide Interest In Bribe Inquiry

London, November 14.

The Judicial Tribunal set up by both Houses of Parliament to inquire into bribery allegations concerning Ministers and other public servants will resume its sittings in London tomorrow.

Its first sitting on November 1 was devoted to procedure. It is predicted that nearly 50 witnesses will give evidence. The inquiry will probably last about one month. It has been eagerly awaited by the British public after weeks of newspaper reports on possible revelations.

It is also the climax to months of investigations by Scotland Yard.

The Tribunal has the power to enforce attendance of witnesses and the production of documents.

An announcement on October 8 indicated that the Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade, Mr. John Bole, was involved in the bribery allegations. He will be represented at the inquiry by the leading barrister, Mr. Aiken Watson.

The Treasury will be represented by the Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross. The House Memorial Hall in the London district of Westminster, where the inquiry will take place, has space for 20 important visitors and 50 press representatives, in addition to lawyers and other officials taking part.

Two hundred people will be admitted to the public gallery.

—Reuter.

SOVIET PROTEST IN JAPAN

Moscow, November 14.
A Tass dispatch from Tokyo today said the Russian member of the Allied Control Commission had protested against "American occupation authorities not putting a stop to Fascist propaganda in Japan."

The dispatch, printed in the Moscow press, said that Lieutenant General Kuzma Deryavko sent a letter of protest to General Douglas MacArthur last Friday.

—Associated Press.

Turkey Paralyzed By Blizzard

Istanbul, November 14.
A blizzard sweeping across Turkey from the North has paralyzed communications for the past 24 hours. The first snow of the season fell throughout last night over a wide area, including Istanbul and Ankara. The temperature dropped from 18 degrees Centigrade to freezing point.

—Reuter.

LORRY CRASHES INTO RIVER

Saarbrücken, November 14.
Sixteen were killed and 21 injured, five of them critically, when a lorry carrying football players, crashed into the Blies River near Breilert, in the Saar, today, DPD, the German news service, reported.

All the 16 killed were understood to be Germans from the village of Rohrbach. The cause of the accident is not known.

—Reuter.

Jews Refuse To Obey United Nations Order

Paris, November 15.

The United Nations mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, today ordered the Jewish forces to give up their newly-won Negev desert bases by Friday or face possible sanctions, but the Jewish answer was a flat no.

Mr. Aubrey Eban, Jewish delegate to the United Nations, said: "The answer of Israel to the UN demand to sacrifice the Negev will be solidly and unmistakably negative."

Greece Without Cabinet

Athens, November 14.

Greece was tonight still without a Government. Constantinos Tsaldaris, Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister in the outgoing Sophoulis Cabinet, has so far failed to set up a new ministry.

Both King Paul of Greece, when he asked Tsaldaris yesterday to start consultations, and the Premier-designate himself, stressed the need for hurry. They had hoped to have the new combination on foot by tomorrow.

It was believed tonight that should M. Tsaldaris fail, M. Sophoulis would claim the right to attempt to form another Government, on condition that he should not be handicapped by considerations of party strength in choosing his ministers.

Tsaldaris returned to Athens yesterday from Paris where he led the Greek United Nations delegation. He complained that he had been called home while "Greece's moral victory still had to be completed" and described the crisis as "untimely and dangerous."

It is taking place against the background of uncompleted talks in the Greek situation before the United Nations, in the course of which the Australian delegate, Colonel W.R.M. Hodgson, asked that representatives of Greece and her neighbours should meet in an effort to compose their differences.

Tonight the Athens news agency reported that various organisations in Northern Greece, including the University of Salonika, had sent telegrams to the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Presidents of the United States and of France and the British and French Prime Ministers.

They regretted that the United Nations "have not a clear understanding of the struggle waged by Greece."

They asked for aid to enable the Greeks to end the "Communist rebellion" as quickly as possible, the Athens agency said.

—Reuter.

Edmonton A Jolt To Labour Party

London, November 14.

Leaders of the Labour Party are likely to initiate an early check and revision of the party's electoral machinery throughout the country following the bye-election at Edmonton, in the Northern suburbs of London.

The figures at Edmonton were: Mr. Austen Albu (Labour) 28,104, Mr. H. Hubbard (Conservative) 22,837.

Though the Government held the seat with a majority of 3,267, the result showed a swing of 15,000 votes to the Conservatives. Labour, fighting against a Conservative and an Independent candidate, had a majority of 19,000 at the general election in 1945.

In the total of about 30 Labour victories in bye-elections, Edmonton represents the most spectacular drop in party support. A country-wide loss of votes proportionate to that at Edmonton

could, it is pointed out, mean the defeat of Labour in the next general election in 1950.

The party has not expected to repeat in the bye-elections the "landslide" majorities of 1945, but there was fairly wide expectation of a five-figure win at Edmonton, which has a considerable industrial population.

The Conservative Party has recently been strengthening its local organisations throughout the country and has made a national campaign for members. Political quarters think that the Edmonton bye-election reflects this activity directly.

—Reuter.

Wallace Calls For Peace Talks

Chicago, November 15.

Henry A. Wallace's Progressive Party asked again yesterday for "opening of negotiations with the Soviet Union" as an alternative to the cold war, and discontinuance of aid to the Chiang Kai-shek government in China.

The requests were part of the Third Party's Legislative programme which it will urge upon the next US Congress.

The Party will seek: "The reopening of negotiations with the Soviet Union for a peaceful Germany and a peaceful Europe as the only alternative to the costly, worldwide cold war."

The programme asked that four power talks on Berlin be reopened, called for "an end to the rearming of Germany and underwriting of European military alliance," and urged repeal of the US military aid and curbing of military expenditures.

—Associated Press.

COMMANDOS IN NIGHT ATTACK

Athens, November 14.

The Greek Army has captured two more mountain peaks in the central sector of the Vitsi front, North East of Kasoria, in the first sustained action against Communist guerrillas.

A communiqué today said that nationalists beat off an all-day attack on Blikovik yesterday. Blikovik changed hands twice last week. The nationalists then took 1,178-metre high Praseka, four kilometres North-East of Blikovik. Commandos in a night attack took Manioretz, three kilometres North East of Praseka and captured much material, the communiqué said.

—Associated Press.

POPE RETURNING TO VATICAN

London, November 14.

The Pope will return to Vatican City on November 27 after a stay of about four months in his summer residence of Castel Gandolfo, Rome. Radio said tonight.

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FULL SPEED AHEAD OF ARMS TO CHINA

STALIN TO AGREE ON PLAN FOR BERLIN?

Moscow, November 15. Highly placed foreign diplomats believe that Prime Minister Joseph Stalin probably will give an affirmative reply to the proposal of United Nations leaders for four power talks on the Berlin problem.

However, Soviet newspapers have not yet published the letter which Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, President of the UN Assembly, and UN Secretary General Trygve Lie sent on Saturday to the chief executive of the Soviet Union, Britain, the United States and France.

Foreign diplomats, whose business it is to observe Soviet policy, predicted Russia would give an early reply.

These diplomats agreed the Soviet Union no doubt would have its own opinion as to when and where the meeting is to take place. Russian representatives at a big four meeting would not be very difficult to arrange this time.

Premier Stalin is not in Moscow at present but this was not regarded here as an obstacle to a meeting. He probably would cut short his holiday if a meeting of the four chief executives was agreed upon.

Foreign observers believe the Russians would like to see a high level meeting on outstanding world problems and have shown interest in such a project for some time.

If there should be a meeting, it is felt here that the Soviet Government probably would seek to have the discussions cover not only the Berlin dispute but all outstanding East-West differences, including the peace treaties for Germany and Japan.—Associated Press.

Washington, November 15.

The United States Army and Navy have ordered full speed ahead for American arms shipments to China.

To avoid delays from the West coast shipping strike or other causes, American Naval and Army vessels will carry weapons, ammunition and military supplies.

Many appear deeply pessimistic, however, that the shipments can themselves alter Chinese Nationalist chances of halting the Communist advance, North of Nanking or elsewhere.

The arms, paid for out of the \$125,000,000 Congress voted for Chinese military aid, may fall short of replacing those believed lost by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's troops in North China and Manchuria.

Ex-Envoy Backs Aid To China

New York, November 14. Mr. James W. Gerard, former United States Ambassador to Germany, today urged essential military equipment and economic and financial aid for the Chiang Government in its war against the Chinese Communists.

Mr. Gerard warned: "If the Communist conquer China, the 400,000,000 of that country may be added to those who seek Communist world rule."

Citing the participation of an American on behalf of Chinese merchants during the Taping rebellion, he said: "If we actively assist the Government of China, it will not be the first time that Americans have fought Communists in China."

Mr. Gerard called the Taping rebellion half-Christian, half-Communist. He told the United Press: "The essential thing is to have a government friendly to us and defeat the Communists."

Specifically, Mr. Gerard urged that top priority be given to supplying military planes for Chiang's Government and listed arms, military supplies and ammunition as other vital needs now.

When asked how he felt about critics of China who feel that Chiang's government needs reforms, Mr. Gerard said, "Let that come later. We should send aid first and talk afterwards." He described the situation in China as "dangerous."—United Press.

Mystery Plane Is Held In Greece

Athens, November 14.

An unarmed aircraft, reported to have flown from Rome with two pilots each holding a British passport, was seized when it landed without warning at Ellinikon airfield, near Athens, today.

The Greek Air Minister, Anastas Dakabassis, ordered the seizure of the plane while an investigation was made. First reports said that the aircraft, of the Fury type, marked "K 850" came from Rome by way of Brindisi.

The Greek authorities found no log book or flying documents. The pilots' names were given as Hamble and Husselm, and they said they were bound for Pakistan.

Unconfirmed reports alleged that the aircraft was intended for the Egyptian Air Force.

M. Dakabassis told Reuters: "We were informed from Rome that a plane bound for Pakistan was landing at Ellinikon for refueling, but when the aircraft landed the airport authorities suspected that it was probably destined for Egypt."

"So I ordered its seizure, until the position is cleared."—Reuters.

Fog Too Bad For Radar

Berlin, November 14. Thick fog brought the Berlin airfield to a complete standstill tonight. Even radar landings at Gatow and Tempelhof airports were impossible.

No supply planes had touched down in the German capital since 3.00 a.m. The latest meteorological reports said a small improvement in conditions is expected later tonight.

It should then be possible to resume radar landings.—Reuter.

Talks On Shipping Dispute

San Francisco, November 15. Negotiations seeking to end the Pacific Coast 73-day-old maritime strike were adjourned last night until this afternoon.

Asked if settlement might be reached by mid-week, the Congress of Industrial Organizations' longshore chief, Harry Bridges, replied: "I would not gamble on it."

In New York City, conferences will begin today in an effort to end a dock workers' strike which has halted nearly all overseas shipments from the nation's big East Coast ports.

Any settlement in New York would affect also the ports of Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Wilmington, Delaware, and Hampton Roads, Virginia.—Associated Press.

Church And State Battle Worsens

Budapest, November 15.

The long-standing controversy between the Catholic primate, Cardinal Mindszenty, and the Hungarian Government appears to be rapidly nearing a climax.

The question of relations between the Catholic Church and the State is one of the leading topics of the day in Hungary.

The Government has charged the Cardinal with trying to foment discord between Hungary and Czechoslovakia over the Hungarian minority problem and with inciting Hungarians to national hatred against their northern neighbors. Several priests have been sentenced on charges of anti-Government agitation, particularly of trying to influence school children against the State.

A newspaper article in the official organ of the Workers' Party, "Szabad Nep", claimed that priests, monks and nuns were making nocturnal visits to the homes of workers in a Budapest industrial suburb in an attempt to give the impression that the exercise of religion was illegal and had to be conducted clandestinely. This is denied by the Church press.

A peasant women's delegate at a women's educational conference has claimed that in her village the local priest during a religious class had attempted to influence the children in this way.

He was said to have asked the children to close their eyes and open their mouths and then to have walked around the class placing a sweet in the mouth of each child, saying: "In the old days before the war things were good like this sweet."

After the children had finished the sweet, he again asked them to open their mouths and close their eyes. This time he was alleged to have placed a dash of hot paprika on their tongues and as the children coughed and sneezed to have said: "And today life is as you taste it now on your tongues." The priest was arrested.—Reuters.

KIDNAPPED POLICEMEN ESCAPE FROM CASTLE

Paris, November 14.

Four policemen, "kidnapped" by strikers in the coal-field area of Brassac-Les-Mines, in Central France, when attempting to break up a strike meeting yesterday, escaped today from a chateau 20 miles from Brassac.

An official of the Clermont-Ferrand Prefecture said the four men had not complained of bad treatment.

Urban and suburban transport in Paris—underground, buses and suburban trains—was running normally today after yesterday's 24-hour stoppage called by the Communist-led Unions in protest against Armistice Day clashes between demonstrators and police.

The Sunday newspaper L'Humanite-Dimanche, and two Sunday evening papers which carry mainly sports results, appeared as usual and printers were back at work preparing the first editions since Friday of the morning papers.

The State-owned theatre of the Comedie Francaise, and the Casino de Paris, a variety theatre, which were forced to call off their performances yesterday owing to a strike of technicians, today opened up again normally.

Ships Tied Up

Hospitals and other public services were functioning normally, except for gas, which was still at low pressure.

It was reported in Paris tonight that more than 60 ships are still tied up at Marseilles today by the sailors' strike.

Dockers in Marseilles decided today that the time was "not right" to begin an unlimited strike and agreed to await the result of Wednesday's meeting of the Executive Committee of the Communist-led Federation of Ports and Docks in Paris.

At Bordeaux, the situation was said to be calm, with volunteers unloading those ships carrying perishable goods.

Pits Occupied

Dockers at St. Nazaire voted today for a strike without time limit. Troops and unemployed began unloading coal ships which had already been boycotted by local dockers in support of the six-weeks' old national coal strike.

Government forces today occupied a group of pits without incident at Brassac-Les-Mines. A convoy of 105 children of striking miners in Douai, Northern France, arrived in Paris today and were taken into the homes of Parisian families in response to an appeal by the Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Suhard.—Reuters.

BMA Ends In Somaliland

London, November 14.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, has sent "greetings and good wishes" to the Governor and people of British Somaliland which tomorrow reverts to civil government after being under military administration since March, 1941.

The military administration, imposed during the war over the British protectorate as well as the adjoining Italian territories, was retained as a matter of convenience until a civil administration could be re-established.

The message said that during the period of military administration, much has been done to make good the damage which was caused in 1940 and 1941 and great progress has been made in the building up of hospitals and schools, the cure and prevention of disease and the spread of knowledge among the people.—Reuters.

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21814).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them, with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employers' stands.

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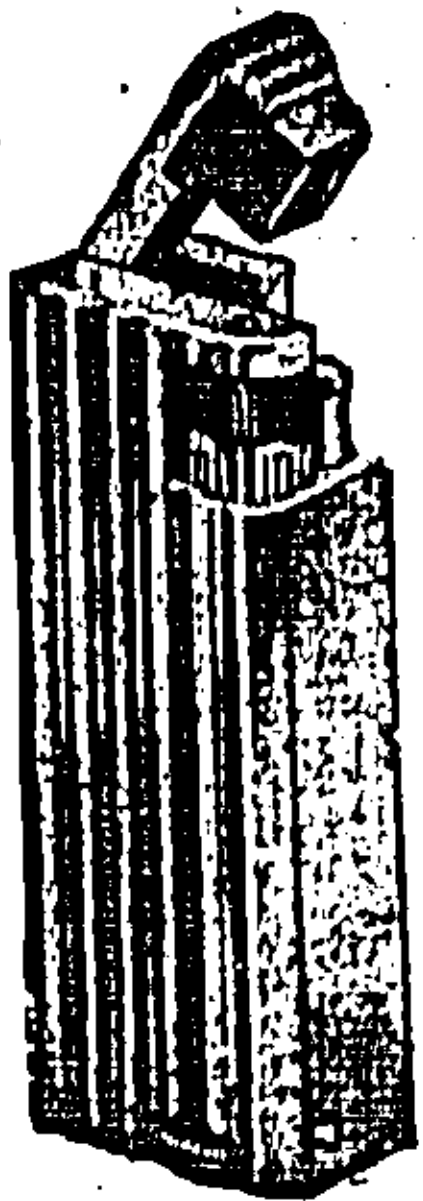
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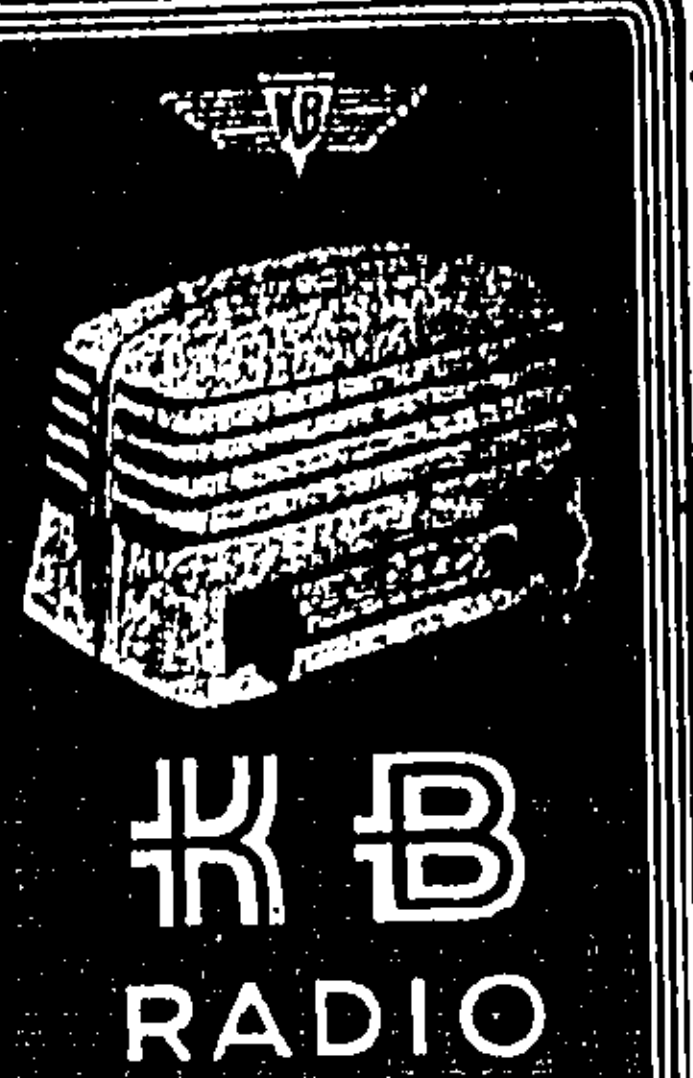


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CHINESE REDS BOAST OF VICTORY IN YEAR

Wishful Thinking On Korea?

Seoul, November 15.

The Prime Minister, Lee Bum Suk, said today that repeated reports from Moscow that an uprising is spreading in South Korea are "altogether contrary to fact."

Tass, Russian news agency, had carried such reports three times within the past week.

Lee said that South Cholla province, in which the October 20 uprising broke out, has been restored to normal. Minor attacks on scattered police stations by the few remnants of the insurgents had occurred, he said.

"When you throw a net, some of the little fish always get away," Lee said. Lee also denied that martial law had been proclaimed again in South Korea.—Associated Press.

San Francisco, November 14. Chinese Communists claimed today that their armed forces now exceed the Nationalist armies, and predicted Chiang Kai-shek's Government would be overthrown in another year.

The statements were made in a broadcast of North Shensi radio which also listed a new series of "annihilations" and "desertions" of Chiang Kai-shek's troops on the Hsuehchow front.

The broadcast asserted there are more than 3,000,000 troops in "The People's Liberation Army."

"The entire Kuomintang armed forces," the radio said, "now have only around 2,000,000 men, including Army, Navy, Air Forces, regular army, irregulars, combat troops and rear-service and supply organizations."

These figures were attributed to "a responsible member of the Central Committee, in the civil war, his statement continued:

"The relation of forces between the two sides in the war has undergone a fundamental change. The People's Liberation Army is now not only superior qualitatively,

U.S. MARINES SENT TO TIENTSIN

Peiping, November 15.

A small detachment of US marines arrived in Tientsin yesterday to guard the American Consulate and to help Americans leaving North China during the civil war crisis.

Requested by the Consul-General, Robert Smyth, after some 1,500 Nationalist troops looted food shops on Thursday, fewer than a dozen leather-necked were sent by plane from Tientsin, base for the US Western Pacific fleet.

Reports from Tientsin, which is about 80 miles South East of Peiping, said three American landing ships are expected there soon to remove American nationals. Two will go to Shanghai, the third to Japan.

Several groups of Americans in Peiping, many of them missionaries, still are pondering whether to leave. Most would like to stay.

There is a growing conviction among Peiping observers that if the Communists fail to take Suchow, in the big battle currently raging in North Central China, they will strike Northward for Peiping and Tientsin.

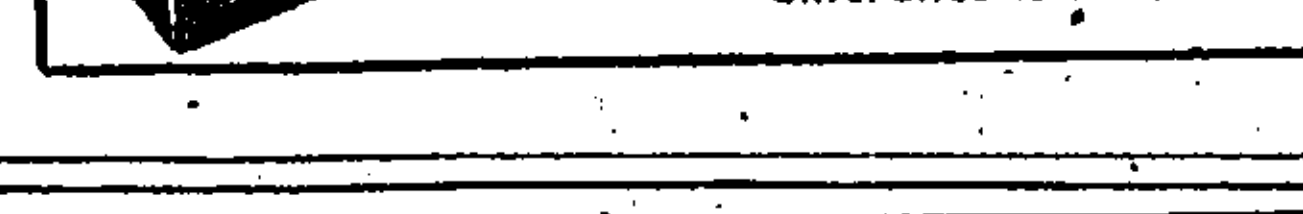
If Suchow falls, it seems probable that the Reds will continue Southward in the belief that the Government will collapse and Peiping and Tientsin will yield without a fight.—Associated Press.

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DP's Ask To Be Gassed

Munich, November 14.

Thirteen hundred displaced persons living in Dachau, a former Nazi horror camp, today asked the Bavarian Government to kill them in the wartime gas chambers "to put an end to our miseries."

Herr Hermann, the Dachau Camp Control Committee chairman, said the refugees had asked to be gassed to focus world attention on camp conditions. The refugees ended a 24-hour hunger strike at midnight last night.—Reuter.

"About A Year"

"This marks the imminence of the success of the Chinese revolution and of the realization of peace in China."

"Too, the course of the war, as we originally estimated it, has been greatly shortened. It was originally estimated that it would require approximately five years beginning from July 1946, fundamentally to overthrow the reactionary Kuomintang government."

But viewed at present, only about one year from the present time will be required fundamentally to overthrow the reactionary Kuomintang government.

"As for destroying the reactionary forces in all places in the country and completing the liberation of the people, this will require more time."

"Rapid Collapse"
His statement contrasted the size of the armies in June, 1946, when he said the Government had approximately 4,300,000 troops and the "People's Liberation Army," 1,200,000.

He said, "The enemy is rapidly collapsing."

The broadcast added: "A military commentator further states that the whole South, depleted of Kuomintang troops, will be before the victorious liberation army after the Kuomintang collapse on the Suchow front, and shortly after this will come the collapse of the entire Kuomintang rule."

The broadcast said the Government's "Seventh Army group is being segmented and crushed" East of Hsuehchow. It claimed:

Desertions Claimed
"Two divisions of its 63rd Army were annihilated on the Eastern Bank of the Grand Canal on the 12th, and another division, the 44th Division of its 100th

"AULD LANG SYNE" AT TIENTSIN LAST HOURS

Tientsin, November 15.

Britons and Americans gathered at this North China port's fashionable Country Club last night and said good bye to the soft strains of Auld Lang Syne.

They were enjoying their last week-end dance before evacuation, caused by the onrush of the Chinese civil war.

There were waltzes and rhumbas in a tinny atmosphere of mild bewilderment and many feigned smiles and laughter in a world where the talk is now mainly of the impending evacuation and the tragedy of it all.

One American naval officer in naval uniform attested to the presence in the river of the first evacuation vessel. Throughout the evening, he symbolized the reality of the crisis.

As this handful of Britons and Americans slipped their last cocktails together, the American consular warning that "later evacuation on an emergency basis may be impossible" flashed through many minds.

Natural Instinct

Refusal to surrender what many have come to regard as "home" fought all night with the natural instinct to seek security from the buffeting of danger.

When dawn broke in the eastern sky and the time for final farewells approached, many Tientsin "diehards" wondered:

Firstly, what were the prospects ahead?

Secondly, would communications continue?

Thirdly, would trade be possible?

Fourthly, would the Haiho River be blockaded?—Reuter.

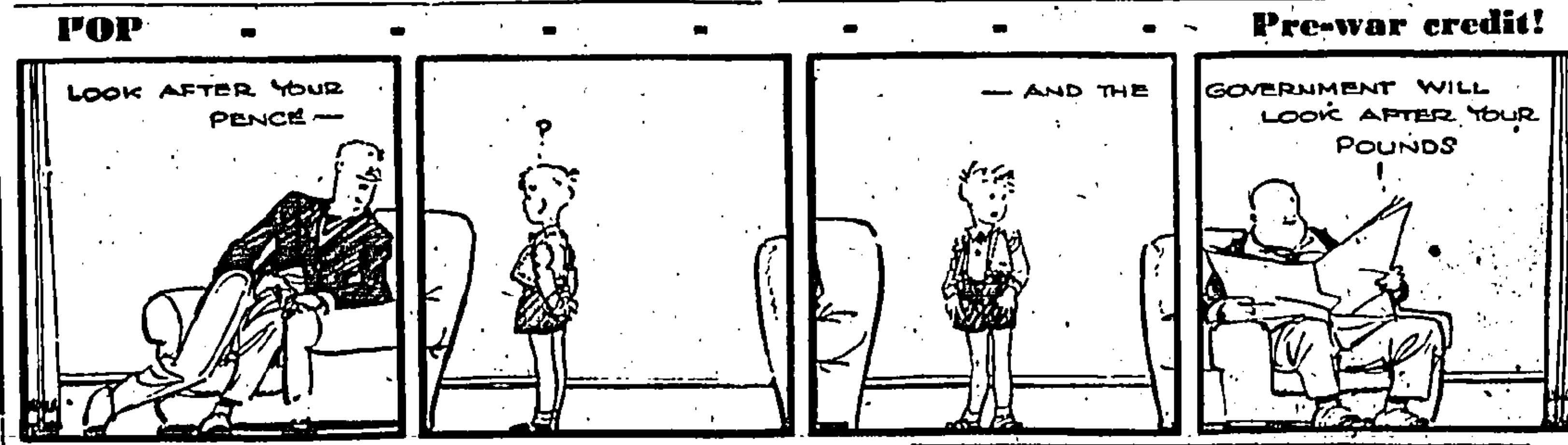
Jewish Relief Problems

Paris, November 14.

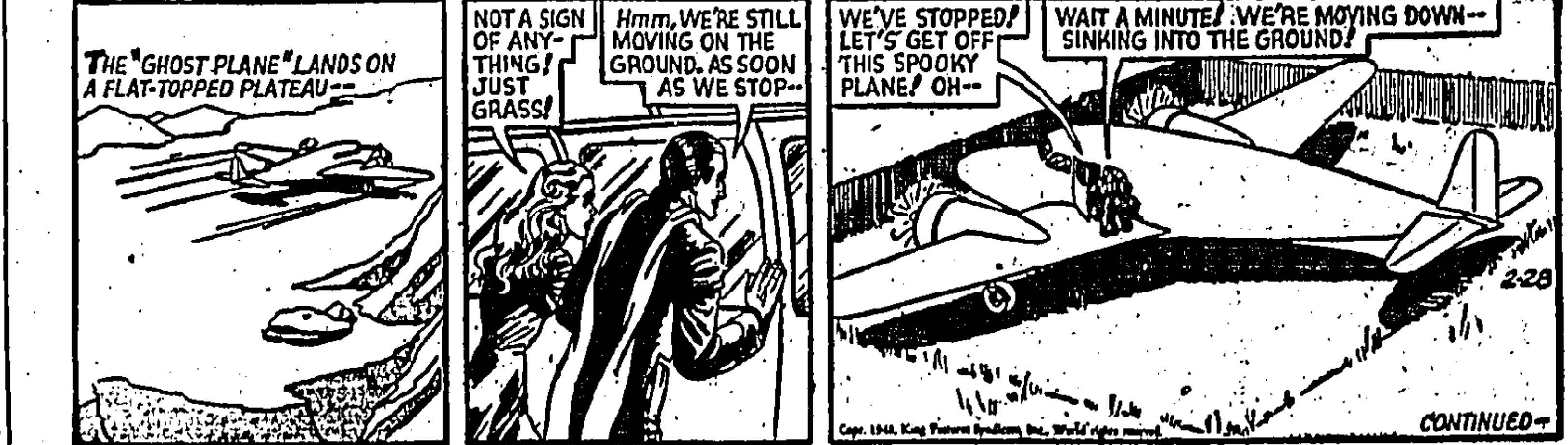
An international conference on Jewish relief and rehabilitation held under the auspices of the American Joint Distribution Committee opened in Paris today.

The conference is being attended by delegates from 19 European countries—the United States, Britain, the British Commonwealth, Latin American and North African nations, and Israel.

It will continue until Saturday and will mainly discuss the present status and future problems of the 1,500,000 Jewish survivors on the continent.—Reuter.



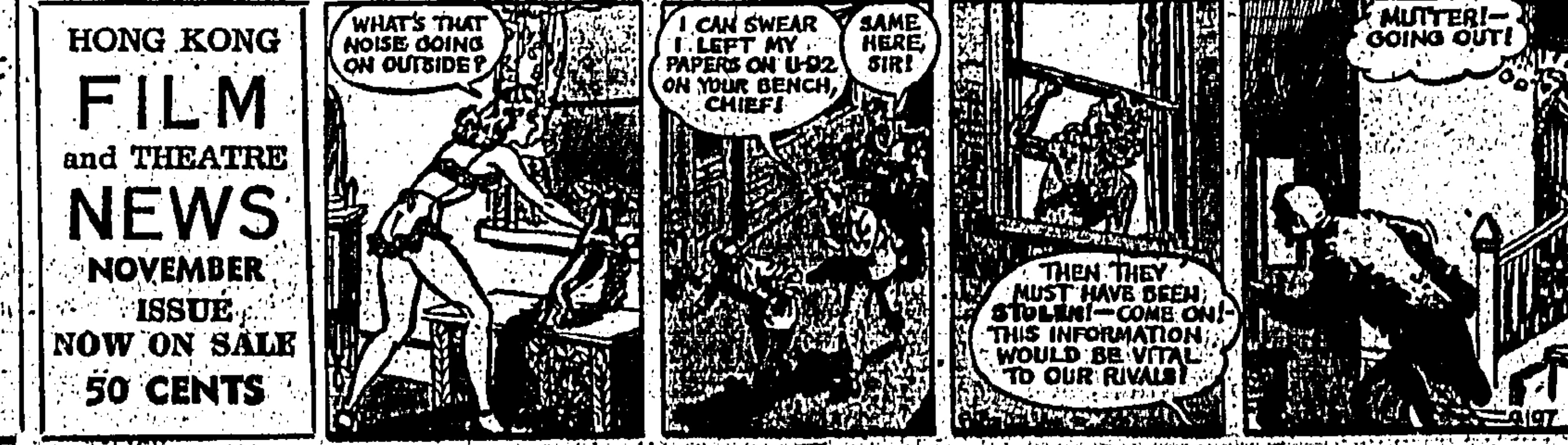
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Gaullists Still In The Lead In Upper House

Paris, November 14.

Socialists and Gaullists maintained their relative
strengths in Franco's Upper House—the Coun-
cil of the Republic—when 20 results of today's
elections in overseas territories were known to-
night.General de Gaulle's Rally of the French People now
hold 120 seats of the 289 so far filled.

Airline Dispute Settled

Shanghai, November 15.
CNAC and PAL flights be-
tween Shanghai and Manila
will be resumed early in De-
cember although the dispute
over use of Amoy as a stop-
over point still is not settled.
The service was suspended
when Philippines Air Lines de-
manded the use of Amoy as an
intermediate point after China
National Aviation Corporation
began using it as such.
The Chinese refused, saying
Amoy was not open to interna-
tional traffic, whereupon both
countries cancelled the flight of
each other's airline to operate
within its boundaries.
Sources did not indicate whether
any compromise was reached, but
hinted that Hong Kong would
continue to be the intermediate
point for PAL, at least for the
time being. During the suspen-
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Russia No Menace, Says "Red Dean"

New York, November 15.

The Dean of Canterbury, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, said
yesterday "the Soviet Union is not a menace to
world peace nor is she a menace to the security
of the Western World."In a speech at a dinner wel-
coming him to the United
States, the Dean said that the
basis for widely spread mis-
givings with regard to Soviet
peaceful intentions arises from
three issues—the atomic prob-
lem, the Berlin question, and
the Russian relationship to the
six East European countries.
Dr. Johnson said that the Rus-
sian attitude toward the atomicproblem is "civil rather than
military."
The Russian determination that
governments of bordering coun-
tries must be friendly, only paral-
lels British determination re-
garding the Netherlands, he said.The "idea of America being
imperialistic is now growing in
Europe and it brings a terrible
fear with it."He described Winston Churchill
as a "menace" and said, "What
disturbs many in my country is
when we observe the almost
docile way in which the policy of
your country follows the Church-
ill lead."—Associated Press.

Economic Sabotage Alleged

Berlin, November 14.

The Soviet Zone Control
Commission today alleged that
leading German officials of the
province of Saxony in the
Soviet Zone were behind an
"economic sabotage plot."The Commission said leading
officials of the Saxony Economics
Ministry and provincial industry
Office "have sabotaged the supply
of textiles to the Soviet Zone
population by supporting and
tolerating huge black market deals
with Western Germany and the
Western Zones of Berlin."The allegations were made in a
report in the Soviet-controlled news-
paper, Neues Deutschland.
The report said: "These great
acts of sabotage were carried out
by former Nazis and reactionary
elements. Officials of the Saxony
Government supported these anti-
social elements and betrayed the
trust of the working people whose
interests they were pledged to
serve."Paris, November 14.
Mr. Averell Harriman, the
Marshall Plan roving ambassador,
left today by air tonight for
Washington. He will report to
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Something New In Propaganda

Paris, November 14.
The French Postal Minis-
try stated tonight that one of
its employees, a Communist,
had been suspended after
stamping several hundred
telegram forms with the sen-
tence: "Julius Moch is an as-
sassin." M. Moch is Minister
of the Interior.Some of these blank forms
subsequently found their way
into the hands of foreign
diplomats using the French
telegraphic service, the Minis-
try said.—Reuter.

Recovery Grants To Chinese

Washington, November 15.
Total recovery grants to
China and Western Europe will
exceed US\$3,000,000,000 this
week, the Economic Co-opera-
tion Administration indicated.In the week ended last Wednes-
day, grants of more than US\$203,-
000,000 were approved, bringing
the total to nearly US\$2,901,000,-
000. This does not include more
than US\$800,000,000 in repayable
loans.France heads the list with more
than US\$797,000,000 earmarked
for France and another US\$47,-
000,000 for the French zone of
Germany. Britain is second with
US\$632,000,000 and Italy third
with US\$314,000,000.China aid has been authorized
to purchase US\$137,781,881 worth
of goods.—Associated Press.

North China Wants Food

Tientsin, November 15.

The Joint Office of seven North
China Provincial and City Coun-
cils, meeting in Peiping, has de-
cided to ask the Central Govern-
ment to divert the gold, silver and
foreign currencies converted by
Peiping, and Tientsin residents
during the currency reform for
the purchases of cereals abroad
and encourage merchants to pur-
chase cereals with foreign ex-
change derives from exports.Meanwhile, Mr. Roger D. Lap-
ham, head of the Economic Co-
operation Administration China
Mission, declared in Peiping that
11 ships, bringing wheat and
flour for Peiping, Tientsin and
Tsingtao, are expected to reach
the North China ports between
December and February next
year.Mr. Lapham had a talk with
General Fu Tso-yi and visited
Tientsin briefly yesterday, pro-
ceeding to Tsingtao, where he
will be seeing Vice-Admiral Oscar
Badger, Commander-in-Chief of
the United States Western Pacific
Fleet, before returning to Shang-
hai.—Reuter.

Paying Off Turk Debt

London, November 15.

The Council of Foreign Bond-
holders announced yesterday that
a sterling amount is now available
in London, sufficient to pay 1/11d.
on each participation certificate
number five (upheld half coupon
of December 1937) for Turkish
7½ per cent bonds, 1935.The money has become avail-
able as a result of purchases
authorized by a majority of the
holders of the certificate holders
and the transfer of Turkish Pounds
by the Turkish government.The announcement says that the
Council, "being unable to hold out
any prospect of more favourable
terms becoming available, recom-
mends holders to present their
certificates for payment of the
Ottoman Bank, Abchurch Lane,
London."—Associated Press.

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tinent via Straits.

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"TASMAN"	from Amoy	to Javaport	7th Dec.	10th Dec.
"TJIBADAE"	from Macassar	to Javaport	20th Nov.	23rd Nov.
"TJITALENGKA"	from Javaport	to Macassar	10th Dec.	23rd Dec.

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Ship	From	To	Arrivals	Departures
"HOISSEVAIN"	from port	to South Africa	16th Nov.	16th Nov.
"TJIKAMPEK"	from South Africa	to South America	22nd Nov.	14th Dec.
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"TASMAN"	from B. Dell	to Swatow and Amoy	20th Nov.	21st Nov.
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

SECRET PLANS BEING DRAWN UP FOR AMERICAN MERCHANT FLEET

Washington, November 14.

A top secret "M-Day" plan is being developed for the United States merchant fleet.

In event of war the armed forces would need shipping and need it fast—on a scale unprecedented even in World War II. Key maritime men are frankly worried about the responsibility.

Any plan to get the merchant fleet up to combat efficiency faces more than a few problems. Solving them is a joint undertaking of the Army, Navy and Maritime Commission.

Details of the M-Day project are strictly hush-hush but this can be said:

1. America's fleet of 1,750 privately operated merchant craft is above the pre-war mark. The ships are modern and fast enough for at least some defence against submarines.

2. Congress has appropriated \$174,000,000 to help commercial operators finance construction of new super liners convertible to troop-cargo transports. Part of this money is available to help build speedy tankers capable of hauling high octane aviation fuel.

Reserve Fleet

3. The American shipping industry, a pre-war weakling, now is healthy and prosperous. 4. The U.S. merchant marine has a vast backlog of skilled operating personnel. In fact thousands of trained men have left the sea for want of berths.

5. More than 3,250 vessels, most of which were built during World War II, are at anchor in strategically located "reserve fleet" areas. Most of these could be placed into service, although many are slow and cumbersome Liberty ships.

But the picture has its blinder aspects. The nation's shipbuilding industry is hardly a shadow of its war time self, the Maritime Commission freely admits. On M-Day the Commission had more than 80 yards in operation. Today the Government has no shipyards in operation.

Key Problem

About a dozen private yards, however, have contracts for

Planning Use Of World Food

Washington, November 14.

Long-term planning for the better use of the world's food resources will probably dominate discussions at the fourth annual conference of the 57-Nation Food and Agricultural Organisation opening here tomorrow.

There are indications that emphasis will be laid on the greater use of orderly world marketing to employ local surpluses to the best advantage and to safeguard the interests of producers.

Failure to consummate the international wheat agreement this year will probably be the subject of bitter comment, not least by the United States delegates, although the United States Congress failed to ratify the agreement, which was designed to bring order into international wheat marketing.

Despite the improvement in the general food situation since the last conference in Geneva, delegates will be confronted with the fact that only seven of the 57 member countries will be able to report adequate food production for their peoples.—Reuter.

US Exports To Be Less

Washington, November 15.

The United States will export less this year than last despite its US\$7,000,000,000 a year foreign aid programme.

Thomas C. Blaisdell, director of the Commerce Department's Office of International Trade, said the value of 1948 exports may drop 15 per cent below the 1947 peak of US\$16,300,000,000 and the quantity may decline 20 per cent. He said imports have risen 22 per cent to a current annual rate of US\$7,000,000,000. He forecast the US may be importing between US\$10,000,000,000 and US\$11,000,000,000 worth of goods by 1952.

Mr. Blaisdell said this "would do more than any other single factor to reduce the network of control restrictions and other barriers to world trade that concern us today."—Associated Press.

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Exchange Deal In Europe Trade

Geneva, November 14.

Six countries of Western Europe have agreed to send \$8 million worth of machinery and equipment to Eastern Europe in return for a 36 per cent increase in supplies of timber.

The six countries are Britain, Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy and Holland.

This first big East-West trade deal, negotiated by the Commission, will be largely financed by the International Bank which will provide credits of between \$6 and \$8 million to timber producing countries of Eastern Europe, namely, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Poland and Yugoslavia.

In return, those countries undertake to deliver in two years timber products totalling \$330,000,000—\$120 million more than could otherwise be exported.

Repayment of the loan will be made to the International Bank out of the proceeds of the sale of the timber.

The Economic Commission for Europe, said that final details of the timber deal are now being worked out and negotiations with most of the countries concerned are proceeding rapidly.

Meanwhile, until the new exchange begins to show results, ECE experts expect a "distinct decline" in Europe's timber position.

Supplies are at present 30 per cent below requirements and in 1949, according to the experts, the position will deteriorate because of a reduction in supplies from Germany, reduced Scandinavian exports, and the diverting of Marshall Plan credits from timber to more urgent purchases.—Reuter.

Money Market

Gold: Yuan made a big climb yesterday when it went up to 28 cents after opening in the morning at 24 cents.

Canton remittances went up to 22 1/2 cents and Shanghai remittances to 10 cents.

Gold dropped to HK\$302.25 at the close and recovered to HK\$304.00 in the morning.

US dollar eased off to HK\$23.50, and TT dropped to HK\$23.50.

Plastics dropped at HK\$40.80 a 100 and dropped to \$9.65 at the close.

Tenets dropped to HK\$28 a 100. NEI Guilders opened at HK\$34 a 100 and fell to HK\$30 in the afternoon.

Sterling, continuing its climb, closed yesterday at HK\$14.50. Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.55.

COTTON PRICE CHANGES

London, November 14.

The Raw Cotton Commission announced today that the price for standard type West Indian Island cotton will be reduced two pence a pound on Monday.

The price of standard type Sudan cotton will be increased by three pence a pound.—Associated Press.

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"NANCHANG"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 18th Nov.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 19th Nov.
"KOWLOON"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 20th Nov.
"NEWCHOW"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 20th Nov.
"HUNAN"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 20th Nov.
"SINKIANG"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 20th Nov.

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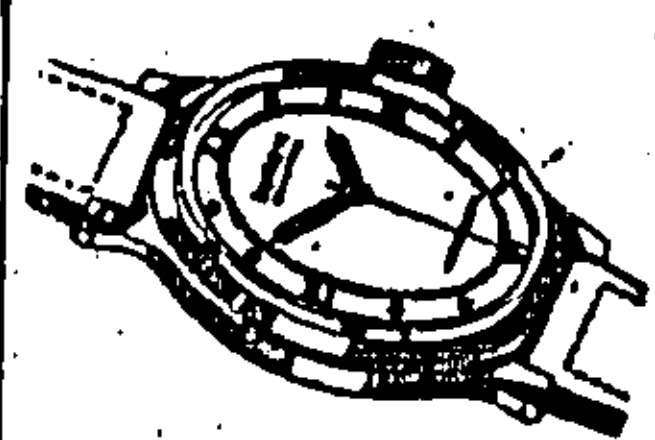
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BIG FIELD FOR THE NOVEMBER HANDICAP

(By Vernon Morgan, Reuters Sports Editor)

London, November 14.

Britain's last big handicap on the flat, the Manchester November Handicap, running over one and a half miles next Saturday, November 20, has attracted 47 final acceptors.

Although some may drop out there will once again be a huge field for this big farewell prize.

Although competition is so keen, many trainers prepare their charges to capture this prize and each year there are some very big betting coups.

Though there were people who had hardly heard of last year's winner, Regret, which won at 66 to 1, many bookmakers knew all about it subsequently when they found they had to pay out quite large sums of money.

This year's race looks just as open, although if weight of money means anything, coupled with trainer's optimism, then Scotch Comfort, trained by Tom Masson at Lewes on the South Coast, should win. This four-year-old gelding by the Derby winner Felstead has some pretensions to class and is only set seven stone six pounds to carry.

Scotch Comfort would have had ten pounds less to carry had he won his last race a few hours earlier. He won the 4 o'clock race at Sandown Park on October 22, whereas the conditions of the race imposed a ten pounds penalty for horses winning after October 21 at noon.

Trainer Confident

By putting up the apprentice jockey, Cyril Orton, who still claims five pounds, the trainer has halved his handicap and, according to sound information, is very confident of success.

Orton is a very fine little boy and the horse should not fail for lack of assistance from the saddle.

The first three last year, Regret, Star of Autumn and Boltonian, have accepted, as has Las Vega, who was the winner two years ago. Of this batch, most confidence appears to be behind Star of Autumn and Newmarket is hoping that he will credit head-quarters with this prize, especially as he has been trained here since so badly in this year's big handicaps.

Boltonian, who was third last year, will be accompanied by the post by the stable companion Always. Both are owned by the popular Bolton brewer, Mr. John Hamer.

Judging by the market, Always, a five-year-old mare, is better fancied and with only seven stone five to carry she should be in the fighting line at the finish.

Four lightly weighted candidates around the seven stone mark, any of whom might easily win, are Lord Roseberry's four-year-old filly, the French-bred filly Delanoe, the four-year-old Master Dun and the three-year-old Camewitch failure, Sports-master.

Master Dun

Of this quartet, preference is for Master Dun, who won cleverly over two miles at Ascot in September. He will be ridden by little "Midge" Richardson, who is having his farewell ride, since he is being sent to France as a trainer.

Higher up in the handicap between seven stone five and seven stone 12, there are several prominent candidates. In Guerrier, Raven Locks, Vasant, Solandra and Prince Rupert.

The French-bred Guerrier has

CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1948.

Governors To Hold Talks At Johore

Singapore, November 15.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General in South East Asia, announced today that British Governors and diplomatic representatives in South East Asia would meet at Johore on Thursday and Friday to discuss political and economic affairs of that area.

Mr. MacDonald, British Ambassador to Nanking, who will be in Singapore on his way to China after leave in Britain, will also attend the conference.

Others attending will be Sir Alexander Grantham, Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Franklin Gimson, Governor of Singapore, Sir Charles Clarke, Governor of Sarawak, Mr. Twining, Governor of North Borneo, Mr. G. H. Thompson, Ambassador to Siam, Mr. J. Bowker, Ambassador to Burma, Sir Francis Shephard, Consul-General in Batavia, and Mr. F. S. Gibbs, Consul-General in Saigon.—Reuter.

Malayan Services Lose To Army

The Army, Hong Kong, defeated the visiting Combined Services XI from Malaya by one wicket on the Sookunpoo ground yesterday.

It was the visitors' second defeat by one wicket, the Malayan side having been beaten by the same margin by the Mainland at Kowloon on Sunday.

It was a low-scoring match yesterday, highest scorer for the visitors being Captain Hunter, with 20. Only five other batsmen reached double figures in the innings, which closed at 111.

Stepie was Hong Kong's best bowler having the fine analysis of six wickets for 32 runs in 17 overs, of which seven were maidens.

Banton took three for 25 in 14.2 overs.

The Army, Hong Kong, lost two cheap wickets, and then Major Dawe (23) and Private Dalton (16) put up a stand, and Major Murray-Brown followed with 23 before falling before wicket.

The tail, with the exception of Captain Banton (15 not out) failed to wag, and the visitors' score was passed with one wicket to fall.

L/Cpl. Jones was out just after the Hong Kong team had snatched the victory.

Colonel Steele took five wickets for Malaya.

Combined Services, Malaya

Major Haig, b Stepie, 10
Major Greenwood, lbw, Stepie, 10
S/Ldr. Leggett, c Dawe, 10
Stepie, 10
F/Lt. Lloyd, lbw, Banton, 10
Cpl. Hargreaves, c Murray-Brown, 10
Cpl. Banton, 10
Cpl. Robinson, c Stepie, 10
Thornton, 10
Col. Steele, c Burton, b Stepie, 10
Capt. Leslie-Jones, c Dawe, 10
Stepie, 10
Cdr. Lee, not out, 10
F/Lt. Robertson, lbw, b Stepie, 10
F/Lt. Kenyon, c Burton, 10
Banton, 10
Extras, 10
Total, 111

BOWLING

O. M. R. W.
Stepie, 17 7 32 6
Banton, 14 2 25 3
Thornton, 6 0 22 1
Jones, 12 2 20 0

Army, Hong Kong

Major Dawe, b Copley, 23
Capt. French-Blake, c Steele, 10
b Leggett, 10
Major Haig, c Robertson, b Leggett, 10
Pte. Burton, c Leggett, b Steele, 10
Major Murray-Brown, lbw, Steele, 10
Capt. Wilson, c Robinson, b Steele, 10
Lt. Thornton, c Robinson, b Steele, 10
Lt. Steele, 10
Capt. Banton, not out, 10
Pte. Bell, c Lee, b Kenyon, 4
L/Cpl. Jones, c Leggett, b Kenyon, 2
Extras, 14
Total, 113

BOWLING

O. M. R. W.
Kenyon, 13 5 4 2
Leggett, 12 2 32 2
Steele, 10 0 30 5
Copley, 3 0 13 1

HOCKEY MATCHES

The Civil Service Hockey Club beat the University by three goals to two in their hockey encounter on Sunday.

The Royal Artillery will play the Army at Sookunpoo tomorrow at 4 p.m. The umpires selected to referee the game are Messrs. Palmer and Malcolm Singh.

The Hong Kong Police will meet the Navy at King's park on Wednesday at 4 p.m. The game will be played at the Navy ground. The umpires will be Messrs. Merritt and Guest.

HKCC TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club in a cricket match against the visiting Combined Services, XI on the Club ground tomorrow. Play will commence at 11 a.m. sharp.

L.D. Kilbee (Captain), H. Owen Hughes, R.W. Franklin, N.R. Oliver, A.E. Perry, R.H. Hughes, T.P. Mahon, C.T. Rowe, D.H. Leach, L.F. Stookes, O.J. Kerr.

12th man: W.L. Howard. Umpire: R.R. Davies.

SOCCER MEETING

A meeting of the Representatives of Non-Chinese Football Clubs will be held at the Hong Kong Football Association's office on Wednesday, November 17, 1948, at 5.15 p.m.

Business: to select Non-Chinese team for the First Round Memorial Cup Competition.

Not Ching-shing was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Police Court yesterday with the possession of 40 lottery tickets valued at HK\$400. Defendant was arrested near Kowloon Street on November 11. A fine of HK\$750 was imposed.

BIG THEFT ON STONECUTTERS

Forty-one iron mooring rings, 50 iron shackles, eight iron sinkers weighing 1,000 lbs. each, 18 iron sinkers weighing 500 lbs. each, 12 iron sinkers weighing 100 lbs. each, and eight 40-gallon supply iron drums, were stolen from a Stonecutter's between November 8 and 12.

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DEBATE ON HK

The YMCA Literary and Debating Society is to debate a motion "That Hong Kong has the right to be a free port" in the West Lounge at 9 p.m. tomorrow. The motion will be proposed by Mr. F. E. Skinner, and opposed by Mr. B. Barnard, and the general public are welcome.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Psychological Effect Of Wildcat Strategy

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The Wildcats featured several positional changes in their line-up last Sunday when they trounced the Wahos 22-9, but good and proper.

The re-shuffle was envisaged by most of the people in the know, but nobody could have foreseen the psychological effect on the hapless Owls.

Lefty Dolly Brown on the rubber for the winners did not pitch her usual effective game and only fanned one, but she was well supported in every department of the field.

Margie Xavier, former Mad-cup battery mate of Teresa Baptista, made her first appearance on the diamond this year on the Wildcat line-up, and this made it possible for Coach Buster Hollands to switch first-sacker Peggy Barros to the Far Turn, thus filling up the berth left vacant by the absence of Cynthia Motu.

Peggy Barros held the station well and snared every fly ball that came her way, while Margie Xavier gave a creditable performance.

Move Paid

Inez Soares was moved over to the midway station, thus relieving the versatile Alice Mendonza for the more important task of taking care of the longer clouts, and the move paid handsome dividends as Alice halted down Teresa "Choo-chi" Baptista's hot liner over the key-stone while the bases were brimming, to another what might have been a late inning rally.

The Wildcat offensive was spurred by Peggy Barros, three solid blows, while Coach Buster Hollands, who soon caught on to the Owls' erratic fielding weakness, master-minded his run-making machine to play for errors rather than home runs.

The strategy worked out well, for the Wahos committed a total of 22 errors, seven of which were made in the second frame.

These Remedios at third base for the Owls was guilty of five fumbles while the usually reliable Terry Noronha muffed two easy pop-fliers.

Rackless Running

Out of the mainstream of errors and home-head plays, reminiscent of the Wahos in their first season of softball, one play shone above all others by comparison, and that was Irene Castilho's brilliant catch of Effie Babiada's hefty line drive through the windswept alley which Irene frozz and doubled off Inez Soares at first base, for the only double-play of the comedy of errors.

Wahoo first-sacker Hilda Soares, received more than her fair share of knocks as she valiantly attempted to reach for several wild heaves. Hilda also smacked out a homer for her side.

The Owls took the initiative by tallying twice on Patsy Ribeiro's four-base blow with one aboard, but reckless base-running which took its toll discounted whatever efforts were made to add to the score.

Stapling a devastating five-run attack in the second inning, the intrepid Salinas forged ahead in the game. In the third, the Owls tried to catch up with the score

Mr. Robb was runner up with 150 followed by Messrs. D.A.O. Davies and F.K. Wallace with 158. Full results are given below as well as the draw for the Club Championship, the first two rounds of which are to be played on November 28.

Individual prizes for the best rounds on either course were won by Mr. J.J. Cowperthwaite with 79 on the Old and Mr. D.A.O. Davies with 78 on the New Course.

Newly the winner and runner-up of the Cup not being eligible for these prizes.

JASPER CLARK CUP RESULTS

G.G.D. Carter 76 71 147
D.B. Robb 77 79 156
D.A.O. Davies 81 77 158
F.K. Wallace 81 77 158
P.D. Hunter 82 81 163
J.J. Cowperthwaite 79 85 164
R.K. Collins 85 78 163
N.A. Howe 81 80 161
G.L.T. Sun 85 78 163
W.O. Davies 81 84 165
K.S. Robertson 83 82 165
E.S. Gordon 85 85 170
A.E. Lissman 85 85 170
W.S. Hay 83 90 173
M.B. Tighe 89 84 173
P.M. Cotton 85 82 167
E. Bathurst 85 82 167
E. McKillop 90 82 172
I.W. Shawan 88 85 173
J.L.O. Pearce 88 85 173
J.D. Clague 102 85 187

Nil returns from four others. The draw for the Club Championship resulted as follows:

First Round: Gordon v. Collins, Sun v. Robb, Cowperthwaite v. Tighe, Hay v. K.S. Kinghorn, Hunter v. D.A.O. Davies, W.O. Davies v. Cotton, Carter v. Brown, and Lissman v. Wallace.

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YESTERDAY'S TENNIS

In the Colony Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship Mr. Tsui Wai-pui and Mrs. Litton beat Mr. Ho Ka-lun and Mrs. Lo, 6-1, 6-2, at the Ladies Recreation Club yesterday.

In the Handicap Ladies Doubles, Mrs. Litton and Mrs. Standish beat Mrs. Dunnell and Mrs. Campbell 6-2, 6-0.

At the Ladies Recreation Club today, C.W.L. Way and L.F. Stokes (Manufacturers Life Insurance) will play K. B. Baker and W. J. Skinner (PWD) in the Men's Doubles Inter-Hong Handicap.

In the Men's Club Singles, J. Macfie will play F. Alexander.

SOCCER MATCH POSTPONED

The First Division soccer match between Police and Army at Boundary Street on Saturday, November 20, has been postponed.

The Second Division match between Police and Tramways will now be played on Saturday, November 20, instead of Sunday, November 21, at Boundary Street at 2.30 p.m.

SAIGON ESCAPE

Salgon, November 15.

Three soldiers were killed when 198 Vietnamese political prisoners overpowered their guards and escaped yesterday from a detention camp on the outskirts of Saigon, the semi-official newspaper Extremite Orient reported today.

It was later reported that 150 of the fugitives had been recaptured.—Reuter.

Notre Dame After Football Record

New York, November 15.

Notre Dame is just six short of the modern US college football record for winning games without losing any.

The Irish snatched their 26th win without intervening loss on Saturday, from Northwestern.

With the victory, the Irish equaled the 26-game unbeaten string of Knute Rockne's 1929-30-31 Notre Dame teams. The present team has been tied only once in its victory parade, by Army in 1940.

The South Bendors now need only six more games without a hitch to tie the 32-game streak set by Army in 1944, 1947 and Delaware in 1940, 1947 with three idle years intervening.

College football's outstanding stretch of success was fashioned in an earlier day—by the California outfit of 1920-21-22-23, which played 54 games without defeat.

The season's five unbeaten united powers—Notre Dame, Michigan, Army, California and Clemson—came through unscathed on Saturday and now are almost certain to close their regular schedules with perfect records.

California remained the Pacific Coast's best bet for the host role in the Rose Bowl game by smashing Washington State 44-14.

Feature Games

Northernwestern looked impressive enough in losing to Notre Dame to remain the favourite for the honour of being guest in the Pasadena New Year's Day contest. Minnesota, Oregon and Ohio State still are not counted out of the race.

Feature games this week are Dartmouth at Princeton and Penn State at Northwestern in the East.

Oklahoma at Kansas, Illinois at Northwestern and Ohio State at Michigan in the Mid West.

Duke at North Carolina, Kentucky at Tennessee and Maryland at Vanderbilt in the South.

Baylor at Southern Methodist in the South West.

Stanford at California, Southern California at UCLA and Oregon at Oregon State on the Pacific Coast Associated Press.